

GOOD WORKS
Necessary for Salvation
 (Biblical Proofs)

“No doubt hell, and that punishment, is a thing not to be borne. Yet though one suppose ten thousand hells, he will utter nothing like what it will be to fail of that blessed glory, to be hated of Christ, to hear "I know you not," to be accused for not feeding Him when we saw Him hungry. Yes, better surely to endure a thousand thunderbolts, than to see that face of mildness turning away from us, and that eye of peace not enduring to look upon us. For if He, while I was an enemy, and hating Him, and turning from Him, followed after me, as not to spare even Himself, but to give Himself up unto death: when after all this I do not give to Him so much as a loaf in His hunger, with what kind of eyes shall I ever again behold Him?” St. John Chrysostom (NPN vol. xix)

		<i>Evil Works Leads to Perdition:</i>
		<i>Pauline Epistles</i>
1	Rom. 6:1,2	“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?...Therefore do not let sin reign in your immortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts”
2	Rom. 6:23	“the wages of sin is death”
3	Rom. 6:15,16	“What shall we say then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?”
4	Gal. 5:19-21	“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissension’s, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries and the like of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God”
5	Eph. 5:5,6	“For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience”
6	1Cor. 6:9,10	“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of God.”
7	Heb 13:4	“...but fornicators and adulterers God will judge...”
8	Heb.10:26,27, 29-31	“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries....Of how much worse punishment , do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord.' And again, 'The Lord will judge His people.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
9	Rom 1:18	“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.”
10	Col 3:5,6	“Therefore, put to death your members which are on earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.”
11	2 Thess. 1:8,9	“...taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.”
12	Rom 2:8-10	“But to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness - indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good,

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13	Titus 1:16	“They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.”
		<i>Non-Pauline Epistles</i>
14	2Pet. 2:4-22	“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world...then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness... and will utterly perish in their own corruption, and will receive the wages of unrighteousness ...to whom the gloom of darkness is reserved forever... for if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, ‘a dog returns to his own vomit’ and, ‘a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire’
15	2. 1Pet. 4:17,18	“...What will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now ‘If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will ungodly and the sinner appear?’”
16	Acts 5:9,10	“Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out...and the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband.”
17	Rev. 21:8	“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
18	Rev. 18:7	“In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow”.
19	. 1Jn. 3:15	“Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”
20	James 3:1,2	“My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things.”
21	James 5:1,9	“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you...Do not grumble against one another brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door.”
22	Jn. 5:28,29	“For the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”
23	Mt. 13:40-42	“Therefore, as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”
24	Mt. 7:19,20	“every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”
25	Mt. 7:21-23	“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

26	Mt. 25:41-46	“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me. Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when...?’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
27	Lk. 13:3,5	“Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”
28	Mt. 5:29-30	“And if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin...”
29	Lk. 13:24-28	“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock, at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us’ And He will answer and say to you, I do not know you, where you are from’...Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth...”
30	Mt. 19:24	“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.”
31	Mt. 12:36	“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
		<i>Judgment According to Works:</i>
1	Ps. 62:12	“Also to You, O Lord, Belongs mercy; for You render each according to his work.”
2	Mt. 16:27	“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to His works.”
3	Jn. 5:28,29	“...for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”
4	Mt. 12:36	“For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
5	Rev. 22:12	“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”
6	Rev. 14:13	“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. ‘Yes’, says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors and their works follow them.’”
7	Rev. 20:12	“The dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”
8	Mt. 25:31-46	“I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in...Come, you blessed of My Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”
9	Jas. 2:14	“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”
10	2Cor. 5:10	“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”
11	Rom. 2:5-7	“But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God who will render to each one according to his deeds.”
12	Gal. 6:7,8	“...whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

13	1Cor. 3:13	“Each one’s work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work of what sort it is.”
14	1Pet. 1:17	“...the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your sojourning here in fear.”
15	Lk. 3:8	“...bear fruits worthy of repentance...”
16	Lk. 3:9	“Therefore, every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
		<i>Works are fruits of faith:</i>
1	Lk. 3:8-9	“...bear fruits worthy of repentance...Therefore, every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”
2	Tit. 3:8,14	“This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works...And let our people also learn to maintain good works...that they may not be unfruitful”
3	Jas. 2:14	“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”
4	Jas. 2:18	“Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works”
5	Mt. 7:16,17	“You will know them by their fruits...every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit”
6	1Jn. 2:29	“If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him”
7	1Jn. 3:9,10	“Whoever has been born of God does not sin...In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest”
8	Jn. 8:39	“If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.”
9	Rom. 8:14	“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.”
		<i>Titles of sinners:</i>
1	Mt. 3:7	“Brood of vipers!”
2	Jn. 8:44	“Children of the devil”
3	1Jn. 3:10	Children of the devil”
4	Eph. 2:2,3	“the sons of disobedience”....”children of wrath”
		<i>Miscellaneous:</i>
1	Jas. 1:27	“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world”
2	Jas. 4:17	“therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin”
3	1Jn. 1:6,7	“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin”
4	Rom. 8:1	“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”
5	Gal. 5:25	“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”
6	Gal. 5:16	“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”
7	Eph. 4:1	“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to have a walk worthy of the calling which you were called.”

8	Eph. 5:15	“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise.”
9	2 Thess. 3:6,11	“but we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not, according to the tradition which he received from us.”
10	2 Jn. 6	“This is Love, that we walk according to His commandments”
11	1Jn. 2:6	“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”
12	1Jn 5:3	“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”
13	Jn. 14:21	“He who has My commandment and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.”
14	Mt. 12:50	“For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother”

“If one’s behavior is of so great significance to the extent that on it depends our fellowship with God and with Church and our being cleansed of our sins through the blood of Christ; also according to it we are to be judged; besides its being an evidence of our love God, our abiding in Him, and our relation to Him...would then anyone ignore it and say that our life is not just behavior but it is faith?” Pope Shenouda III (Salvation – In the Orthodox Concept)