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LESSON 08: GOOD WORKS ARE NECESSARY

Memory work

86. Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace alone through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we yet do good works?

A. Because Christ,

having redeemed us by His blood,

also renews us by His Holy Spirit to be His image.

He renews us so that with our whole life

(1) we may show ourselves thankful to God for His benefits and praise Him

(2) we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and

(3) by our godly walk of life we may win our neighbours for Christ.

Homework

1. (3) Look up Lord's Day 24. Why don't our good works earn us anything with God?

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2. (3) Martin Luther discovered in the Bible that people are saved by faith, not by good works. Luther also read the letter of James in the Bible. What would he have thought of James 2:26?

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3. (1) Did Luther think James belonged in the Bible? _____

(Use the internet to find out what Luther in fact thought of the epistle of James.)

4. (3) Both Lord's Day 24 and 32 say that good works are "necessary". Yet good works don't earn anything. So why are good works necessary? (Hint: read Matthew 7:15-23).

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