

May 3, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



How Many Good Works Are Enough to Save Me? (Part 4 of 4)

Sometimes people hear sermons or read articles about “doing good works” and “working out your own salvation” and “always abounding in the work of the Lord” and “doing the will of the Father in heaven,” and they are sometimes filled with doubt or grief or trepidation (or even negative emotions toward the one who focused on those portions of Scripture). And here’s what someone like you might say after such an emphasis of this manner on good works: “I’m not perfect! I’m far from it! I will never be able to do everything that God wants me to do perfectly! I’m going to make mistakes and fall short, and probably do that every day. So, there’s no way that I’m going to heaven, because I am never going to be able to reach God’s expectations for me.”

If that’s you, I have good news for you. God does not expect you to be perfect! God is not making demands of you that are impossible or unrealistic for you. God knows that you are going to make mistakes—He’s the one who told you that in the Bible. God knows that you will never be able to do everything just right. And that’s what makes Him such an amazing God! Think about what He has told us about this.

Has God made demands of us? Yes, that’s undeniable. Does God call us to obey His commands? Yes, that’s also undeniable. But (are you ready for this?), He actually helps us to do EVERYTHING that He commands us to do!

When we do God’s good works, He is WITH US (Matt. 28:20). He “will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).

When we do God’s good works, He HELPS US. When commanding us to be fruitful in our good works for Him, Jesus said, “without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

When we do God’s good works, He WORKS IN US. He “works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13; cf. Heb. 13:21).

Isn’t that amazing!?! You’re NOT on your own in your good works for Him! When we think, “I’m never going to be able to reach God’s expectations for me,” HE reminds us that HE is “able” (Eph. 3:20-21).

So, let’s do this. Let’s “walk in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7). That’s not perfect. That’s walking with Him—easy and doable. Let’s strive to be “faithful” (Rev. 2:10). That’s not perfect! That’s doing the best that I can with what God gives me—easy and doable. And here’s what happens as I do that. The grace and mercy of God (Who wants me to succeed more than anyone else) is poured out on me to help me do His will and to forgive me when I fall short of it (1 John 1:7). What an amazing God we get to serve! ~David Sproule

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
05/03 Monthly Potluck 05/07 Ladies Class Luncheon 05/09 Men's Business Mtg. 05/11 Hand & Foot Get Together	Lynette Jones 5/4 Bill Lafferty 5/8 Jonni Marcotte 5/22 Kurtis Rau 5/26	
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
May 31 – Pendleton Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 2nd Timothy Wed pm (6:00p) – Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Last class is May 7 Classes begin again in September

For us to remember:

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Doreen Martinez**
- **Lupe Mendoza** as she continues to heal.
- **Pat Lindsay** is home and continues to heal.
- **Judy Ward** went home to God this week. Graveside services will be Friday May 8 at 11 a.m. in Riverview Cemetery at Olympia and 10th Avenue in Kennewick.
- **John** went home to God this week. No details about funeral Memorial are available at this time.
- **Jim Preston** has a lung infection that requires antibiotic infusions. The side effects are worse than expected. Keep Jim and Holly in your prayers.
- **Teens Rally on the Rocks** is coming. If you are interested in going see Delina Woodward
- Also if you are interested in going to camp this year see Shannon Mendoza or Delina Woodward

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	J. Danley	L. Moore	C. Sullins	K. Winstead J. Wilson	B. Lafferty
Next Week	K. Winstead	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson	J. Danley L. Moore	H. Jones

Believe

How many times in our discussions with friends or co-workers has the subject of baptism come up, and they have responded with, "That's not necessary; you only have to believe in Jesus." Denominational followers subscribe to the idea that belief is the only requirement for salvation.

Let's examine what the Bible says about this matter. The Greek word for believe is "pisteuo", which suggests a level of trust and commitment. In English, belief can simply mean accepting a statement as true.

There are many instances in Acts where belief is included in the steps of salvation: hearing, believing, repentance, confession, and baptism. Let's look at a few.

"And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38).

"So those who received his word were baptized and there were added that day about three thousand" (Acts 2:41).

"And all who BELIEVED were together and had all things in common" (Acts 2:44).

This word, BELIEVED in Acts 2:44, refers to the three thousand who were baptized on the day of Pentecost. They committed themselves to the Lord by following His command.

In Acts 19, Paul is in Ephesus and encounters twelve men who were baptized with John's baptism. They also believed. "He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' So they said to him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.' And he said to them, 'Into what then were you baptized?' So they said, 'Into John's baptism.'" (Acts 19:2-3).

These are just a few examples; there are many more in the book of Acts. This illustrates how the word BELIEVED functions as a synecdoche, where a part is used to represent the whole. It's amazing how the Bible can explain itself if we will just take the time to study it with an open heart. If we truly want to know God's word, He will provide the answers. ~Jeff Snyder

"Dreams don't have to just be dreams. You can make it a reality; if you just keep pushing and keep trying, then eventually you'll reach your goal." - Naomi Osaka,

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
04/29	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	05/27	J. Mendoza	D. McLaughlin
05/06	J. Mendoza	J. Wilson	06/03	L. Moore	B. Lafferty
05/13	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	06/10	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza
05/20	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	06/17	J. Mendoza	J. Danley

L A H A I R A H C E Z H B O J	Acts, Amos, Colossians,
P H I L E M O N I Y E E L R E	Deuteronomy, Ecclesiastes,
S N A I P P I L I H P B E E N	Ephesians, Exodus, Ezekiel,
N A M I C A H I I T H R V V S	Ezra, Galatians, Habakkuk,
E H T U R H S Y J O A E I E K	Hebrews, II Chronicles, III
H U S T C A R M O M N W T L U	John, II Peter, II Samuel, II
E M B N M O S O H I I S I A K	Timothy, Jeremiah, Job, Joel,
M M R U A J L N N T A O C T K	Jonah, Leviticus, Luke,
I A E E W I E O A I H M U I A	Malachi, Matthew, Micah,
A L V Z K E S R S I C A S O B	Nahum, Nehemiah, Philemon,
H A O R E U H E E S T L N N A	Philippians, Proverbs,
N C R A D K L T H M I A E O H	Revelation, Ruth, Zechariah,
M H P O A C I U T P I A L S J	Zephaniah
T I X I C J O E L A E A N A O	-----
R E T E P I I D L T M S H S G	

Building Maintenance

May	Joe Wilson	Sep	Darrell Mc Laughlin
Jun	Gary Keever	Oct	Danny Mendoza
Jul	Chase Sullins	Nov	Harvey Jones
Aug	Larry Moore	Dec	Vern Engelke

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Minister: Chase Sullins

Attendance 04/26 35 Contribution 04/26 \$1550.00