Doing Something

Tony Mauck · Luke 13:22–30

INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you this morning about doing something and the role that plays in God's plan of salvation by grace through faith.

1 Strive to Enter by the Narrow Door

Luke 13:24

- Jesus is telling this man what he needs to do to find salvation.
- Strive to enter by the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter.
- If it was his intention to do everything in man's salvation, apart from any human response or activity, this would have been a good time to tell it.
- But that is not how Jesus answered the question.

2 Faith Is Doing Something

Galatians 5:6; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9–10

- Faith is doing something. Galatians 5 and verse 6. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything but faith working through love.
- Repentance is doing something. There was something for them to do. Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- Confession is doing something. Romans 10, 9 and 10. With the heart man believes, with the mouth, he confesses to salvation.
- But none of those earns or merits our salvation.
- There's a big difference between doing something, that meaning it's necessary, and earning.

3 Salvation Is Conditional

1 John 2:2; Acts 2:40; 1 Corinthians 15:1–2

- If human activity is in no way necessary in order to be saved, then all men are automatically saved by the death of Jesus on the cross.
- He then says in verse 40, he admonishes them, save yourselves from this perverse generation.
- Salvation is conditional. God so loved the world. His love is unconditional. He loves every single person.
- But that doesn't mean that every single person is going to be saved.

4 How Do You Believe Passively?

John 3:16; John 6:29; Titus 3:5

- When people talk about the finished work of Christ on the cross, they're saying God has done everything in salvation, you don't have to do anything.
- How do you believe passively? That's my question. Believing is doing something.
- This is the work of God that you believe in him whom he has sent.
- We must submit ourselves to baptism to experience that washing where we've made alive again.

5 What Does Not of Works Mean?

Ephesians 2:8–10; Luke 17:10; 1 Corinthians 12:13

- What does that phrase not of works mean? Does that mean no human activity?
- When you've done all that you've been commanded to do, you're still an unprofitable servant.
- We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works.
- Not of works means left to ourselves. We could not save ourselves.

6 How Could You Ever Be Sure of Your Salvation?

Hebrews 10:39; Philippians 1:6; Jude 1:20–21

- We are not of those who shrink back, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.
- Eternal salvation, like our initial salvation, is wholly dependent upon God and his mercy.
- You stay in the word. You keep worshiping, you keep working, you keep fighting temptation, you keep praying, you keep trusting.
- He who began a good work in you will complete it. At the day of the Lord Jesus.

THE CHALLENGE

Perhaps you've lost focus and conviction, and you've become beleaguered in your service. Won't you fix that? Do what the Lord bids you do.

MY NOTES