

**Ephesians 2:1-10**  
The Fruit of Thankfulness

*Grace, faith ...*

I. Good Works

- A. Our Shortcoming
- B. Christ's Perfection
- C. Our Delight

II. Of Great Worth

- A. His Glory
- B. A Witness
- C. Reward?

*... and the Christian walk.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Can our good works ever be good enough to save us? Why?
2. Who is it that kept God's Law perfectly so that we might be saved?
3. What word describes salvation as a gift from God?
4. What word describes trusting in God to save us?
5. When a person belongs to God should they enjoy obeying His commands?

**The Heidelberg Catechism**  
Lord's Day 24

**62. Q. But why can our good works not be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?**

A. Because the righteousness which can stand before God's judgment must be absolutely perfect and in complete agreement with the law of God, whereas even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.

**63. Q. But do our good works earn nothing, even though God promises to reward them in this life and the next?**

A. This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.

**64. Q. Does this teaching not make people careless and wicked?**

A. No. It is impossible that those grafted into Christ by true faith should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.