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## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,



### Faith + Works = Trust In Christ

In today's troubled times, there is only one thing I can think of to write about, and that is FAITH. If you were to describe the Christian life, which word would you use? Many of us would pick faith because believing in Jesus is the foundation of Christianity. But do we know that the believer's life should also be characterized by good works?

While we aren't saved by anything good we've done, genuine salvation always results in a changed life, complete with new thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. Every Christian should be a living, walking example of good deeds.

When St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, he commended them for their "work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess 1:3) Everything we do should be motivated by faith, hope and love, which are rooted in our relationship with Christ.

So now the question is, what qualifies as good work in the Christian life? Scripture is filled with examples: caring for others, meeting needs, giving our time and treasure, and engaging in activities like worship, visiting the sick, prayer, reading the Bible, etc. But doing it all in love, for the one we love and trust, that is, our relationship with Christ! These are the works and activities that should characterize us as God's children, and Christ's representatives in this world.

As we consider the topic of good works, we must remember four important truths, otherwise we may assume that we are the ones who define what's good and what needs to be done:

1. God determines what He wants each of us to do. According to Ephesians 2:10, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them." Since we belong to Christ, who has purchased us with His blood, He has full authority over our life. There are specific tasks we are appointed to accomplish, as we work according to His will.

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## CWIA

### Prayer Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**9:00 am – Noon**

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Phone: 703.960.2000

2 minute walk from Eisenhower Ave Metro station

**For info/tickets, call Patti: 703.971.3633**

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**Cost: \$15 - Buffet Breakfast**

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If we think believing in Christ means attending church on Sunday, but living as we please all week long, we're wasting our life.

Christians are the people through whom the Holy Spirit is carrying out the work of Christ here on earth. HE redeemed us from sin and purified us for Himself so we could be people zealous for good deeds. (Titus 2:14)

2. God equips us for whatever He calls us to do. (Eph 3:20)
3. Our good works are to glorify God and not ourselves. (Matt 5:14-16)  
Jesus called His followers "The light of the world." We are to let our light shine so others would see our good works – and glorify the Father.
4. God will one day judge our good works. What we do in life will have a tremendous impact on our eternity as believers. We will be called before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account for our deeds (2 Cor 5:10), so let's each spend our life living for Him. Let's have faith and trust that what Scripture tells us (His Word) will come to pass when He calls us home to eternity.

My prayer is that God gives us a strong faith to believe with all our hearts His promise for His children. **He will take care of us. Fear not!**

In His Wonderful Name,

*Stella Davis*

You are invited to our **prayer breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **HOLIDAY INN - CARLYLE at 2460 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314.** Off Interstate 495, this hotel is a two minute walk from the Eisenhower Avenue Metro station. For more info go to [www.cwiaholyspirit.org](http://www.cwiaholyspirit.org) or call Patti 703.971.3633. Price is \$15 and includes a Buffet Breakfast and all tax/gratuities. If you wish to stay at the hotel on Friday night, ask for the CWIA discounted rate (for the breakfast meeting). Bring a friend. Great speakers, fellowship, praise & worship. Men and women are invited. The Lord is waiting for you! There will be a healing service afterwards.

**November 19<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker: "SUSAN WALLACE"** Susan, a cradle Catholic, is the mother of two adult sons. In the 1970s, while searching for God, she got heavily involved in New Age - learning, practicing, and teaching others how to connect to God as they knew him, only to discover later that she was working for the wrong side. When her 23 year marriage disintegrated and life was in chaos, her priest suggested the parish prayer group. Surprise – it was charismatic! Since then Susan has been on an incredible journey, involved in the Charismatic Renewal, then with CWIA for the past 8 years. God began to refortify her in 2009 with a Marian pilgrimage to France, and later a trip to her family's ancestral country, Poland and Divine Mercy. She also walked in Jesus' footsteps in the Holy Land. Her journey is one of trials, tears, joy and happiness experiencing God's incredible mercy and love. Answering his call of "Can you hear Me now?" is one all can relate to in their lives. Share Susan's journey with God revealing Himself in her life over the years. Bring a friend.

**Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, January 28, 2017.**

**We're planning to tour the beginning of our Catholic roots in Southern Maryland in June 2017.** We will give you more details as soon as they become available from dear friend, Pat Copsey.

**Movie – "Apparition Hill":** Join us in viewing this life-changing documentary film which follows seven strangers on a journey to Medjugorje, a place of miracles. We encourage all CWIA members to attend. **We need 200 people** in order to get it here. More details will be coming soon. Please check [cwiaholyspirit.org](http://cwiaholyspirit.org) for details and updates.

**Intercessory Prayer Meetings:** Mondays, 10:30am at 5917 Bond Court, Alexandria, Virginia, 22315

**Prayer Chain:** For prayer, e-mail our Prayer Chain at [fraven1@verizon.net](mailto:fraven1@verizon.net).