

- A. If we are justified by faith alone, and not by works, what is the relationship between justification and works?
- B. We answer this question best, by relating the good works of thankfulness which we bring forth to our status as covenant children of God.

Jehovah's Covenant Secret: The Good Works of God's Covenant People

- I. Not Conditions to Covenant Membership.
 - A. Positively and properly, the term "good works" refers to some works which God's people perform.

 - B. These good works, rightly understood, are not conditions to God's covenant.

- II. Certain Evidences of Covenant Membership.
 - A. Only those who are in the covenant can do good works.

 - B. The very nature of the works presupposes that one who does them is in God's covenant.

 - C. The reward of grace which God gives to those who do good works indicates that they are in God's covenant.

- III. Inevitable Fruits of Covenant Membership.
 - A. Good works are inevitable fruits, because they demonstrate we are united to Christ.

 - B. Good works are inevitable fruits, because we are motivated to do them by gratitude for salvation.