

Passages that may be confusing

Revelation 22:12

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done."

This passage seems to imply that good works can save people for heaven. That is absolutely not true. Ephesians 2:8-9 states it well: ⁸ *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—* ⁹ *not by works, so that no one can boast."*

We have an incredible God who not only saves us by grace but also empowers us to serve Him and our neighbors. FURTHERMORE, God rewards us when we do the good that He has put in our path and inspired and enabled us to do. This is what our verse is really saying.

Faith through grace always comes first then the works of faith appear.