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But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NLT)



For it is by grace you have been saved, through
faith—and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God—

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)



Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Romans 8:8–9 (NIV)



This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)



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I will not get
peace from God
until I am at peace
with God.

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 (NLT)



I should help others grow in Jesus

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1 Thessalonians 1:2–3 (NIV)



For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Ephesians 3:14–19 (NIV)



And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14–19 (NIV)



Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.
Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

Love each other with genuine affection, and take
delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12:9–16 (NLT)



When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality...

Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

Romans 12:9–16 (NLT)



Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)



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I should be a disciple who makes disciples.

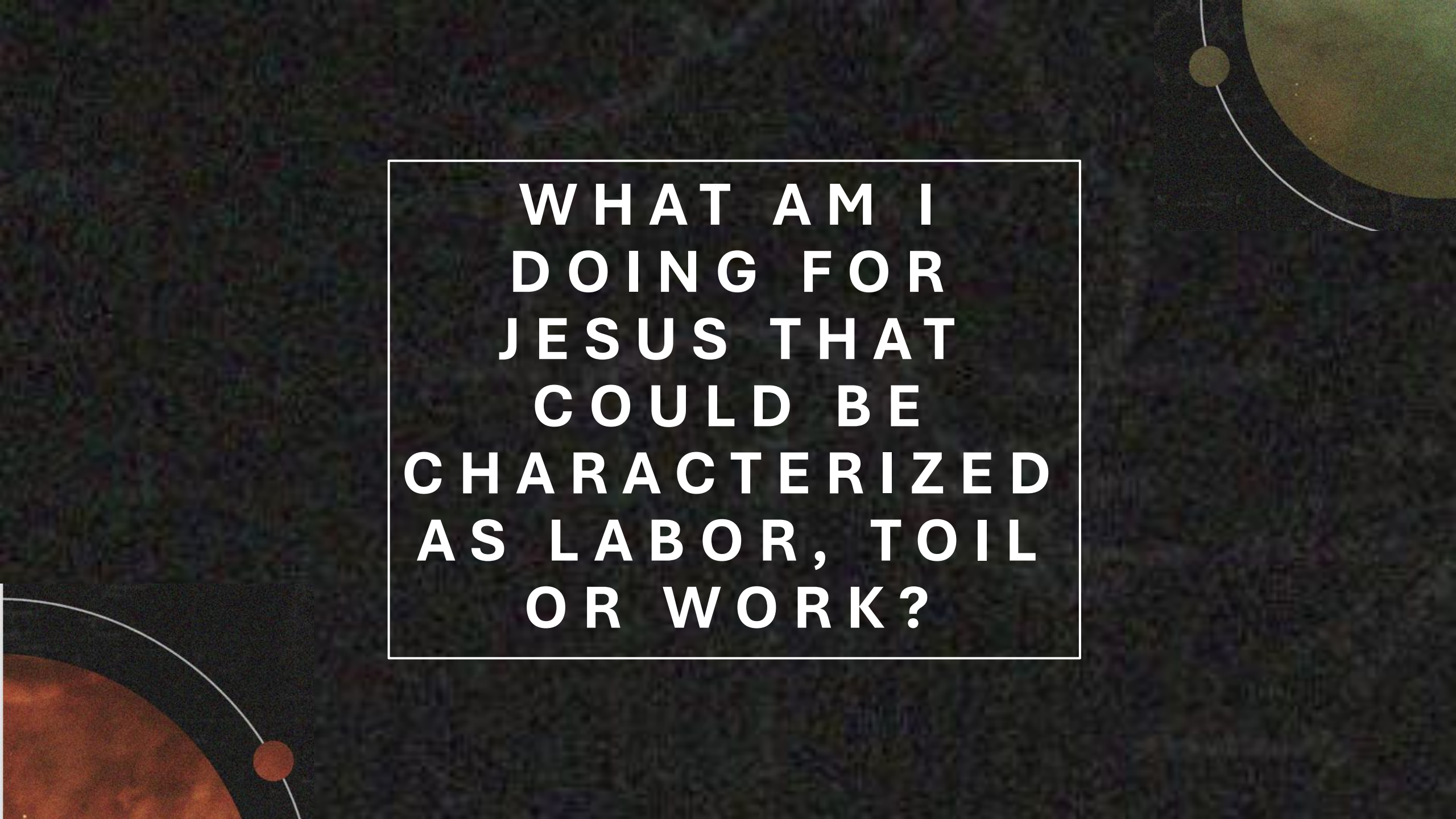
Real faith works!

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**WHAT AM I
DOING FOR
JESUS THAT
COULD BE
CHARACTERIZED
AS LABOR, TOIL
OR WORK?**

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Romans 12:11 (NLT)



What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?

James 2:14–18 (NLT)



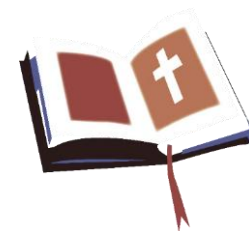
Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well” —but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

James 2:14–18 (NLT)



So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

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I should work for Jesus because I love Him

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I can endure because I have hope

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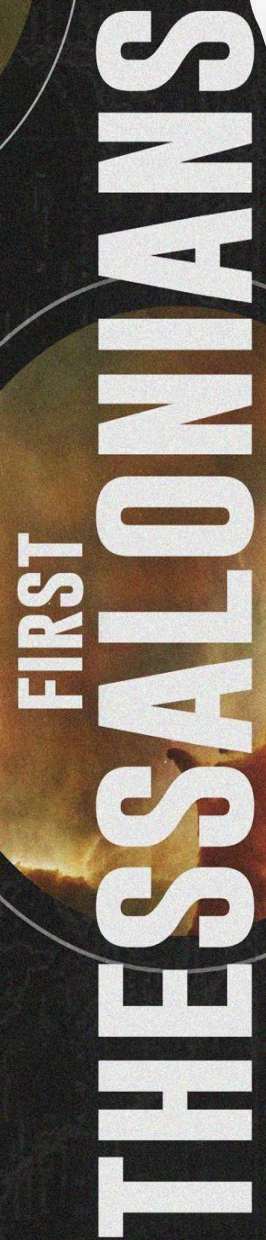
For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:11–13 (NIV)




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When your hope is in Christ's return, you're not just surviving life; you're waiting with purpose.



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