

# Thursday Morning Bible Study

## Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 24: Good Works

### Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### The Gospel Reflected in Our Lives

195. What has changed in us as a result of the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts?  
*2 Corinthians 5:17 Psalm 119:104, 112 (see also: Psalm 40:8, Titus 2:14, and 1 Thessalonians 4:7)*
196. What are God's goals for those that are new Christians?  
*1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 Ephesians 1:18 2 Peter 3:18 Ephesians 2:10 (see also: 1 Thessalonians 4:3–4, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, Ephesians 3:14–19)*
197. Who alone is able to do works that are considered good by God?  
*Hebrews 11:6 Galatians 5:6 (see also: Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:22–24, Colossians 3:17, Mark 12:41–44, Mark 14:3–9, and Luke 19:1–10)*
198. What motivates a believer to do good works?  
*Romans 12:1 2 Corinthians 5:14–15*
199. How does a believer know what works are truly good in God's sight?  
*Psalm 119:105 Romans 12:2 (see also: Psalm 119:9 and Luke 11:28)*
200. How is it possible that God can consider something done by a Christian, who still remains a sinner, to be truly good?  
*1 John 1:9 Galatians 2:20 Philippians 2:13 Romans 9:16 (see also: 1 Corinthians 6:11, Hebrews 11:6, John 15:5, and Psalm 147:11)*
201. What are some of the unique gifts that the Holy Spirit has given to the members of the New Testament church?  
*Romans 12:6–8 Ephesians 4:11 (see also: 1 Corinthians 12:8)*

202. What is the purpose of these gifts of the Holy Spirit?  
*Ephesians 4:12 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4–7*
203. In the early years of the Christian church, the Holy Spirit gave some special, miraculous gifts. What were some of those special gifts?  
*1 Corinthians 12:8–10, 28, 30 Acts 2:1–11 (see also: Acts 9:36–42 and Acts 3:1–11)*
204. What purpose did these special gifts serve?  
*2 Corinthians 12:12 Hebrews 2:3–4*

### **2 Corinthians 8:1–9**

1. How does the example of the Macedonian Christians guide us in our view of good works?

**Recommended memory work:** The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with Explanation