

The Contrast: Self-Effort vs. Rest
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Scripture References:

- John 1:17
- Romans 6:14
- Romans 4:1-6
- Galatians 3:9, 10
- Galatians 2:16
- Hebrews 4:1-11
- Romans 11:6
- John 6:28, 29, *NLT*
- Isaiah 54:13
- Joshua 24:13
- Deuteronomy 6:10-13
- Matthew 8:23-27
- Mark 4:35-41

Summary:

*Just as there's a contrast between the law that Moses gave and the grace that Jesus brought, there's also a contrast between self-effort and rest. God only works on our behalf if we're resting; therefore, we must rightly divide what it means to be at rest on a spiritual level. Stress and worry are signs that we're still in self-effort; the peace of mind from believing that we already have everything Jesus made available for us is the acid test that proves we're **truly** at rest.*

Notes:

1. We no longer have to live by the law; Jesus gave us a better option by offering us grace.
2. Under the Law of Moses, self-effort was required; under grace, all that's required is faith in Christ. God doesn't need us to try to do what He already did; our sweat won't accomplish anything, but our faith *will*.
3. Rest is the highest kind of faith there is; when we enter into rest, our faith takes possession of what has already been made available.
4. Under grace, our faith allows God to do things for which we can't take the credit.
5. Some Christians who've been in church a long time still have difficulty believing that they could actually get something from God without doing anything to deserve it.

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