

# Why not My Righteousness?

**Text:** For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." (Galatians 3:10)

**Question 62:** Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God or at least a part of our righteousness?  
**Answer:** Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are all imperfect and stained with sin.

**Intro: justification...again**

## I. The Two Ways

Galatians 3:2, 5

Galatians 3:3

Galatians 3:11

The two covenants:

## II. Christ's Obedience

	Passive	Active
Definition:		
Result:		

### **III. The Text**

Abraham again

under the law

#### **Application 1: Theology**

Beauty

#### **Application 2: Jesus our Savior**

#### **Application 3: “our best works”**

Bavinck:

#### **Application 4: The Inner Legalist**

There is a continual need to return to the great fundamental of the faith. As long as the age lasts, the Gospel of God’s grace must be preached. The need arises out of the natural state of the human heart, which is essentially legalistic. The cardinal error against which the Gospel has to contend is the inveterate tendency of men to rely on their own performances. The great antagonist to the truth is the pride of man, which causes him to imagine that he can be, in part at least, his own savior. --Pink