

## **God is at work in us: “with all his energy that he powerfully works within us”**

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**Text: Col. 1:28-29**

### **Introduction**

The title focuses on what energizes me, motivates me, and moves me

What works in me? What/who is at work within me?

We are freewill instruments. Therefore, I am an instrument. The question is: of whom?

The word in the original text, energomai, is the root of our word energy

### **Two kinds of “works”**

The Bible speaks of works of law and works of faith. Law demands work; faith generates works.

God’s grace leads us to works, activity, actions

Works of faith leads the New Testament Christian to maturity, completeness, perfection

### **What works within me?**

What works within me is, in another sense, “me at work”

Consider some of the biblical possibilities--

- The law at work in me
- The flesh at work in me
- The faith at work in me
- Christ at work in me
- God at work in me
- His energy works in me, Col. 1:28, see also Eph. 3:18-21
- God’s spirit is at work in me
- Satan can also work in me, Eph. 2:2

### **Two humanities—which will I follow?**

Romans 5:12-21

Me at work = Adam, works of law

Me at work with God = Christ, works of faith

There are two humanities, with whom do I identify?

Having decided to be Christians, we are fellow-workers together

### **Conclusion**

Nothing, no one, works in us without our permission. Who do we let work in us?

The word “let” is correct—it is our choice.

We are called to the yielded life, Romans 6

My purpose as a Christian is to bring glory and honor to God

That is the explanation of all of my works and actions