

EPHESIANS 2:9 (Exegetical)

“*Not of works lest anyone should BOAST*”. The word *NOT* is *ouk* (οὐκ – with the word following beginning with a vowel) a strong neg. adverb.

“*not of works ergon* (ἔργων)”

Works fall into many categories:

1. *Verbal works* – words used to promise God – or to plead with God
2. *Ritual works* – baptism, circumcision
3. *Psychological works* – doing something for God
4. *Church works* – tithing, teaching, deaking, preaching
5. *Religion works* – keep the law
6. *Behavior Improvement* – changing lifestyle, turning over a new leaf – new year’s resolutions
7. *Emotional works* – commitment, isolation
8. *Ecstatics*

Note [Eph. 2:9](#) in the Greek again – *Lest anyone / [h]ina ἵνα in order that / me μή* with the subjunctive mood of *kaucaomai* – καυχάομαι (A. M. Subj., 3rd p.s. of *kaucaomai* (καυχάομαι))