

Salvation  
by  
Good  
Works!



Matthew 5:20, *“For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*

According to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the scribes and Pharisees were the most religious people on earth then. Jesus Christ ranked their works of righteousness as the best for gaining salvation. Yet Jesus Christ said it is not good enough even to see the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom of heaven is a very large place, yet they could not even see it. That was how far away they were in their righteousness in entering God's kingdom!

For a man to enter the kingdom of heaven by good works, he must satisfy the following:

- He must live a perfectly good life. The moment he sins, even in thought or in motive, any good work he did or does becomes a sin.

- He must be born good. If he is born good, he should not die. Man dies because of sin. Do babies die at birth, even inside the mother's womb? Sadly, yes. Babies are conceived and born in sin.

All mankind is conceived and born in sin and is imperfect. We can see the sinful nature in babies by their sinful behaviour. No man can do good perfectly. All mankind sins.

Is there anyone who can gain salvation to enter heaven by good works? YES! Jesus Christ did it.

**Jesus Christ was born good!** He was born without sin. To be born without sin, Jesus was born of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:34-35, *"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also*

*that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”*

**Jesus Christ lived a perfect life as a man and obeyed all the laws of God perfectly in thought, deed, and motive. Hebrews 4:15, “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”**

If Jesus Christ was born good and lived a perfect life, then why did such a good man die on the cross like a common criminal?

He died not for Himself but for you! Jesus Christ saved you by His good works! But that means He could only save one sinner since only one man died.

That would be true if He was just a man. But Jesus Christ was the God-man who was born perfectly good and lived a perfectly good life to become the Saviour of the World. Jesus Christ did not come to condemn but

to save the world from sin. John 3:15-17, *“That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”*

How do I know that Jesus Christ’s death was good enough to gain salvation for me? God revealed that it was sufficient when He raised Jesus Christ from the dead on the third day after His death. Luke 24:6-7, *“He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”*

Jesus Christ came to save sinners by His good works. All you need to do is accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour because He saved you from your sins by His good work!

Sins have stained your good works since birth. They are like filthy rags in God's eyes. But Christ's good works can become your good works!

Pray this prayer from your heart:

*Heavenly Father, I am a sinner deserving  
to be condemned and cast into hell.*

*But for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lived a  
perfect life and died on the cross for my sins,  
I pray that You will forgive me.*

*I want to receive Jesus Christ  
as my Lord and Saviour.*

*Wash me, O God, of all my sins  
by Christ's precious blood  
and make me whole.*

*In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.*

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