

"Doing Good" Without Christ by John T. Polk II

The Bible speaks of some who did "good" without following Jesus Christ:

● **PHARISEE:** who was:

... "Not like other men—extortioners, unjust adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess." (**Luke 18:11-12**);

● **CORNELIUS:**

"A devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. (**Acts 10:2**);

● **ZACCHAEUS:** who said he gave

... "Half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." (**Luke 19:8**);

● **SAUL OF TARSUS:** who said his:

... "Manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know" for "according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee" (**Acts 26:4-5**)

He had "lived in all good conscience before God until this day" (**Acts 23:1**), for he had been "brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God" (**Acts 22:3**).

Question: Before any of these followed Christ, could there have been found a false preacher who would not have "preached them into heaven?"

Each was following a life of "good works" and in anyone's estimation, would have been considered a "good moral man." But was it enough to be saved?

"Doing good" does not assure anyone of eternal life without Jesus Christ, for He said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, and you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (**John 15:4-5**)

Outside of Christ, one's "good" is not good enough!

"Good" is not good unless God authorizes it, and He never states His approval of good works except among His children:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (**Ephesians 2:8-10**)

"*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (**Ephesians 4:4-6**)

Nothing is good when done in rebellion against God, and living the Christian life of good works without repenting and being baptized for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**) is rebelling against God's Will. A Christian's "good works" are good, not because the individual is good, but the individual is counted good by doing God's Will.

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men." (**Titus 3:8**)

Good works will not earn eternal life without obedience to the gospel and worship according to the truth (**Mark 16:15-16; John 4:23-24**).

Dear Reader, are you trying to work your way into Heaven? --- jtpII

ATHIEST DO NOT LOOK AT THE FACTS

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It is interesting to me that people who believe in an endless eternal universe do not believe in an endless eternal being. God is the superior spirit who created this universe. The Bible declares "God created the heavens and the earth..." (Genesis 1:1) He created the planets that exist no matter how many there are. If people believe life exist on some of these other planets, they fail to accept the uniqueness of our planet Earth.

Why is the earth here? Why do the other planets in our Solar System exist? They rotate in perfect order around the sun. How did that happen without a superior mind causing it? A mindless big bang could not have created such order.

According to latest government finding (September 2020) there is no credible evidence of life on other planets.. Why are the conditions right for life as we know it to exist on Earth? If we were any closer to the sun we would be burned to death, and if we were farther away from the sun we would freeze to death. Those other seven planets protect the Earth and keep it in its proper orbit. Those who search for life on other planets do not believe in God, or in His Holy word. Even if there was life on other planets, God would have created it, but why would He have done that? Would such people be sinless? If they did sin would they not also need a Savior?

The fact is there is no real credible evidence that life exist anywhere else in this vast universe. If such beings existed, and they knew Earth existed, would they not come here to explore? Again, there is no credible evidence that any such beings ever came to this Earth. Stories from people

claiming they have seen them, or have been with them come from imagination and not from fact.

Charles Darwin who wrote **On the Origin of Species** is credited with the Theory of Evolution. One thing we need to remember is that Evolution is not a theory. It has never advanced beyond a Hypothesis in the Scientific process. Evolutionists believe all life came from a one celled omega. It crawled up out of murky slimy sea after creation. It then became a mathematician and began to multiply and divide. From this creature all forms of life began. More and more people, including some scientists are rejecting it. There is no credible evidence of evolution occurring. There is certainly no evidence of one creature evolving into another type of creature. All animals have from the beginning followed their own kind in reproduction. (Genesis 1:25) There are many kinds of dogs, but they are still dogs. Cats are still cats, horses are still horses, cows are still cows, etc. etc. The missing link which supposedly proves the evolution of mankind is still missing. The renowned Church of Christ black preacher Brother Marshall Keeble said, "Maybe you came from a monkey, but I didn't."

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ "The best exercise program is to walk with God.
- ~ The home run you hit yesterday will not win today's ballgame.
- ~ The secret of prayer is prayer in secret.
- ~ Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.