



QA: Many People Do Good, Are They Saved? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: There are many people who are doing much good for many other people. Are they saved?

ANSWER: Not unless they obey Christ, Who said:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:15-16**)

Before He said, "I am the door of the sheep" (**John 10:7**), Jesus taught:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (**John 10:1**)

Ironical that those who rule out baptism as a work think good works, by themselves ought to save anyone!

1. Walking In Sins?

And you, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. (**Ephesians 2:1-2**)

In that spiritual condition,

You were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. (**Ephesians 2:12**)

Those who are spiritually "dead" and separated from God may do many deeds to help and assist others, but cannot be saved by those good works alone. John taught,

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (**1 John 1:6**)

2. Changing The Doctrine?

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. (**2 John 9**)

DOCTRINE DETERMINES DESTINY! Timothy was left in Ephesus to “charge some that they teach no other doctrine” (**1 Timothy 1:3**). No change is acceptable to God!

3. Religious Without Jesus?

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 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 10:1-2**)

This was a deeply religious family man, whose prayers and contributions would have caused many churches to have voted him full membership. BUT he was missing one important thing. God had chosen him to hear what he was missing in his religion – Jesus Christ. Peter was sent to tell him “words by which you and all your household will be saved” (**Acts 11:14**), and “commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord” (**Acts 10:48**). It seems being “religious” is not enough for salvation without Jesus Christ. Jesus had said:

“No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (**John 14:6**)

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