

“Be Good..



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Have you ever had someone try to tell you to “be good”? To obey “rules” in order to “please God”? Perhaps in school....

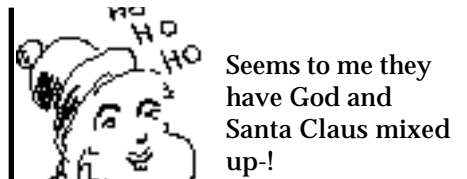


They tried to make you believe that we can somehow behave well, and this will get us to heaven.

The idea is something like when we die, God knows who’s been naughty and who’s been nice and the nice people go to heaven.

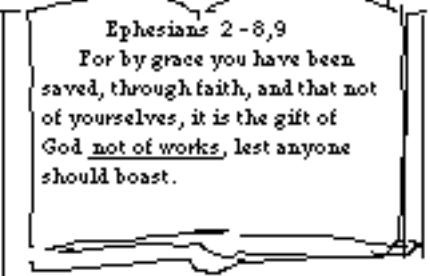
..or I’ll Hit You!”

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Seems to me they have God and Santa Claus mixed up!

Let’s see what the Bible says....



God knows something about us. Even if we do a “good work” it’s in our nature to “boast” or be full of pride.

Is Your Name



“It is appointed unto man once to die, and then the judgement.” [Hebrews 9:27]

There was a man who died....
...and his spirit rose to the gates of Heaven.
“How do I get in?” He wanted to know.



“Is your name in the book?” was the reply

“I’m sorry, your name is not here, you cannot enter paradise.”

In The Book?



“ But I don’t understand,” said the man, “I was a good person-I did not steal or murder-I went to church and I gave to the poor!”
“Yes, I saw all you did, yet your work was not sufficient-you did not know me, your sin was not covered by My precious blood.”

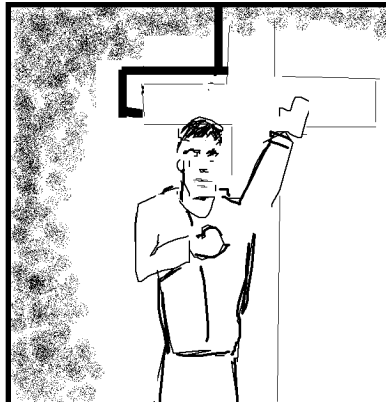
“Who are you, to judge me so harshly!?” the man bitterly replied.



Not These Jesus...!

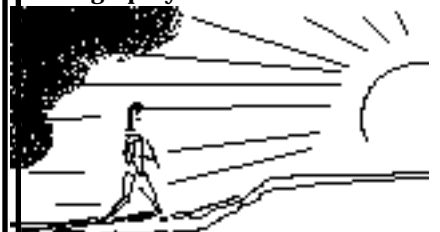


When you became a Christian, the first thing you did was “give yourself to God” by faith.



Remember that blessed day! You surrendered your life to Jesus Christ!

Being a Christian is a “walk”. We continue to go through life and hopefully we continue to know the Lord more and more each day through prayer and the Bible.



But for many of us, we come to points in our walk where we have problems.

Things happen in life. Problems occur and sometimes it seems that we just can’t work them out. It becomes very easy to feel condemnation--everything was supposed to be great once I became a Christian--right!?