

# SALVATION BY GOOD DEEDS ARE YOU HIGH ENOUGH?

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The river continued to rise. The murky waters surged through Richard's community and buried everything in its path. On the third day of the flood, it reached Richard's home and by the next afternoon, his home and all the contents were destroyed as his home went under, Richard, sitting in a rescue boat, looked on in disbelief. "It was on a Hill!" he told a rescuer. "I guess it wasn't high enough."

Many people are like Richard when it comes to their relationship with God. Some believe they are safe from the judgment of God because they have done their best. Like Richard building a hill for his home, they spend time and effort building a reputation of good deeds.

In time, they feel they are good enough and out of danger. Their neighbors would probably agree: "I'm sure he'll go to Heaven, he is such a good person." The Holy Bible has some shocking things to say about good deeds. In Isaiah 64:6 says: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away!"

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We are all sinful: “As it is written, There is none righteous, No, Not One...there is none that do Good, No, Not One.”  
“For All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

“For by grace are ye saved though faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should Boast.” Ephesians 2:8, 9.

“Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Romans 3:10, 12, 23.

“Therefore being justified by Faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1  
Instead of relying on your good behavior, why not accept the only means that will guarantee safety and help you reach Jesus? Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, the Life!” John 14:6  
God has provided a way of Salvation for us because He loves us and He wants us to be saved and right with Jesus.

To accept Christ and get the safety you need...you must acknowledge your sin and ask Jesus to forgive you. Admit that you have fallen short, and that you are not high enough to reach Him on your own.  
And you must accept and believe that He died for you and rose again. And you must invite Jesus into your life and let Him have His way with you.

You could find a full gospel church or a small group of Bible believers where you can learn with others about the new life in Christ. I invite you to do this now and you will be high enough!

You can begin with the Sinner’s prayer:

**Dear Jesus:**

**I know that I am a sinner and I come to you today to ask you to forgive all my sins. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and you rose again from the dead. Please come and change me and help me to live differently from now on. I love you! Will you be my Lord and Savior this moment?**

**Upon this confession Lord, I believe that I now belong to You.**

**Thank you, Jesus! Amen.**

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