

## CAN A GOOD PERSON BE LOST?

**TEXT:** *Acts 10:1-35: There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion [or military officer over 100 men in the Italian army].*

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*Acts 10:35: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him.*

**3. Which gave alms to the people**

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**4. And prayed to God always**

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*Acts 10:4: And when he [Cornelius] looked on him [the angel], he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.*

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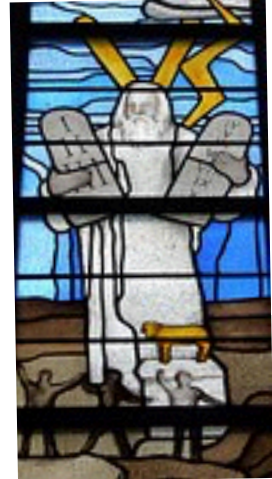
I hardly know of a pastor of any church, anywhere, who wouldn't like to have a church full of people like this man. There are many churches, even lodges, that have members who are moral, loyal, and law-abiding people. What is more, they expect to go to Heaven some day. **They rest their hopes mainly upon these two things: good deeds and/or membership.**



We have over 900 denominations in our land today. Many of them are good, and some not worth bragging on. There is much tradition in their creeds. They are nearly right, but just a little off from the Word of God. If you were asked: “*What do you believe is the only way to Heaven?*” How would you answer? I know the way many have already answered:

Well I . . .

1. pay my honest debts
2. treat my neighbor right
3. help the poor and needy
4. been baptized and joined the church
5. been christened and confirmed
6. am a believer in the Golden Rule — Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
7. I keep the Ten Commandments, or at least try.



You can see from these remarks, there are many views or notions on obtaining eternal life and going to Heaven. What I would like to know is: What one or more of these are in harmony with or agree with the Word of God? Some have answered me: *“I don’t care what the Bible says. This is what our church teaches and that’s good enough for me.”*

Friends, I want you to know that I do care what the Bible teaches. It makes little difference what our church teaches and believes. It is: **THUS SAITH THE LORD** that is most important. **The Word of God is the final Court of Appeal. It has the only remedy for our soul’s incurable disease called sin.**

It is God alone Who has placed in our hearts a pure love for your souls and most of all for His Holy Word. I cannot vary from it one split fraction of an inch. We read in the Bible these words:

***Romans 3:4: LET GOD BE TRUE and every man a liar....***

Again, if we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater!

***1 John 5:9: If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son.***



Jesus said:

***Matthew 24:35: Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.***

I want you to know that Jesus loves you. He longs for you to make it to Heaven. He will stop at nothing to get His saving Gospel to you.

When a person is seriously ill with a deadly disease, we rush him to the hospital. Doctors and nurses hurry about to get a life saving medicine into contact with those destroying germs.

**Our mission as a church is to get the only life-saving Gospel of Christ to the thousands of you who are dying daily without God and without hope. This soul-destroying disease of sin is taking its toll daily, and we in this crisis hour can't delay the rushing of God's only remedy on earth to you.**

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Some, who are critical of our methods of rushing the Gospel out all over America and Canada, have lost sight of our motive. Our big talk is to set a world right that has gone wrong. The job is too big to use small methods. We are trying to reach the lost at any cost. Please do not lose the message by looking at the methods. The Gospel is the

only remedy and cure for your sin sick soul.

Look at the method which the Lord used to reach and save the lost soul of Cornelius! Here was a man's whole household that tried to live righteously. Cornelius was religious and devout, as it says in **verse 2**. He revered God and His laws, but that alone did not answer his heart's cry. He also gave alms to the people, but this was not the cure. In the **Book of Acts verses 2, 4, 30-31** it says that he even prayed to God ALWAYS! That means all the time that he could spare. But still, even this praying did not get his lost soul saved. He also did a lot of nice things for the Jewish people, and his reputation spread among all the Jewish Nation; yet his heart was still an empty, aching void. Then as a last resort he tried fasting, as in **verse 30**, to prove to God his sincerity. But we can't be saved by good works, for by the Grace of God, alone, we are saved and that through Faith in His Son.

***Ephesians 2:8-9:***

***<sup>8</sup> For by Grace are ye Saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God:***

***<sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.***

**Friends, I've had many tell me it doesn't make any difference what you believe in as long as you are sincere about it. If you believe that nonsense, you are in for a big surprise. There was not anyone more sincere and earnest than Cornelius, yet all his good words did not meet his needy soul.**

There was a medical doctor in Corpus Christi, Texas who took the front page headlines in the early 1940's. One of his patients out in the country had a long-standing illness. The husband called and described her symptoms sufficiently so that the Doctor knew what to do. He wrote out a prescription and had it delivered to the druggist by the husband. The pharmacist recognized there was something wrong with the notation and called the Doctor. The Doctor took it as an insult and angrily rebuked this so-called layman at medicine by saying: *"I am so sure it is right, that I will take the first dose myself."* He went to the Drug Store, took the medicine, then walked outside the Drug Store with the husband with whom he visited for a few moments. Then suddenly, he fell dead! Yes, he was sincere, but that did not keep him from dying.



Many church members are sincere and doing the best they can, thinking and hoping they will be saved and will go to Heaven. But Jesus said, as recorded in **John 5:39**:

***John 5:39: Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life: and they are they which testify of Me.***

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**He did not say to search some church's creed books or a lodge manual and its vows, but search the Scriptures. We must do more than *think* we have eternal life; we must *know* we have it.**

The Bible declares that you can know. God wants you, because He loves you. The Lord will stop at nothing short of miracles to help you to find Him in the salvation of your soul. He has many ways to reach your soul and to help you know for sure that you are right with Him.

Jesus chose a special miracle to make Himself known to Cornelius. It is called a Vision in the Bible. Now, a vision is very much like — and pretty close to — our television. It is the same in principle, only God does not need all these electronic gadgets to get the same job done. All He has to do is simply use that picture-making faculty which He already installed in you in creation. We all have one, which is commonly known as the imagination.

It happened this way as recorded in **Acts 10:3-4**:

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***<sup>3</sup> He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an Angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.***

***<sup>4</sup> And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.***



Now, I want to let you know that this is all that our good works can ever do for us. They will move God toward us and apart from that, can do nothing more for us. Memorials do not save lost souls, only the Blood of Jesus can do that. There is a lot of good in most of us, and some are more loaded with self righteousness than others. But the Bible says: All our righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight.

***Isaiah 64:6: But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.***



**This scripture is calling our righteousness nothing but rags, which is a little offensive to any man's pride. But add that Word "filthy" on top of it is a worse blow. God has to use a strong language to get the point across to us. In Cornelius' case, the angel of God complimented him for his good deeds; then right after that, gave him a warning to send to Joppa for a preacher who would tell him and his whole house how to be saved.**

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You can see from God's loving concern for this good and respectable man, the Lord did not want Cornelius to rest any longer in fear of eternal life and a Home in Heaven. For all our good words are an expression of our ignorance of the true plan of salvation; and it shows our pride telling God that we are going to save ourselves, becoming our own saviors.

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**It is like telling the Lord Jesus, 'what you did on the Cross is not sufficient to pay for my sins, and I therefore must help you a little'.** Up to this point, Cornelius may have thought that it was a matter of little concern to God whether he was lost or saved. But this warning changed his mind in a hurry.

I want you to know God loves you too, and that your soul is precious in His sight. He is sending me to tell you that He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is not slack concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to Repentance.**

Jesus commands us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to Every creature. If we fail to do this, He will require your blood on our hands. This is how much the Lord values your eternity-bound soul.



The only label the Lord Jesus could place on all Cornelius' good words was a "Memorial". A memorial has no saving power to a lost soul, for the Bible says:

**Titus 3:5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;**

By this same token, however, the Lord did the man a special favor by ordering him to send to Joppa for a true soul-winning preacher of the Word of God. The angel told him in the vision that the preacher's name was Simon, whose surname was

Peter. The Lord wanted Cornelius to be sure to get the right preacher in case there were several in Joppa by the same name. A man who, is true to the Word of God, will not dilute the truth and will tell it like it is. Such men are not easy to find; but the Lord knows them that are His.

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***2 Timothy 2:19: Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity.***

The Lord's angel gave Cornelius very careful details in where to go for help — to Joppa, then to the house of Simon, a tanner. His house is by the seaside.

***Acts 11:14: Who [Peter] shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.***

**This word “Saved” is the language of Heaven, and it is the only experience necessary or needful to make it safely into the Pearly Gates.**

This Jewish evangelist, Peter, was the Lord's choice preacher for this job. He is the one who preached that memorial sermon on the Day of Pentecost wherein 2,000 people got saved. His second sermon was even more effective, and 5,000 more precious souls got saved. Peter was a great soul-winner, and the Lord chose to use the best to win the lost at any cost.

Now we see the Lord working on the other end of the line. As Cornelius sends some choice soldiers of his to bring Peter to Caesarea, the places are hardly 25 miles



apart. These two cities are on the west coast line of the Mediterranean Sea, not far from Haifa. Peter was at Simon's house waiting for the tanner's wife to get dinner. The Bible tells us that Peter was very hungry, nearly starving, for his stomach thought his throat was cut. The Lord laid on him a great burden to pray. So, he went into privacy on the flat roof top of the house and began to seek the Lord.

The Lord gave him a vision of Heaven opened and a very large sheet coming down on which were all kinds of animals and birds. A voice spoke to this hungry man, as recorded in **Acts 10:13:**



***“Rise Peter, kill and eat.”***

But Peter objected saying to the Lord:

***Acts 10:14: Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.***

The Lord answered and said in **Acts 10:15:**

***“What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.”***



This happened three times (once for each man who was on his way to invite Peter to go home with them).

Look at what unorthodox methods the Lord uses to reach His preachers, and also lost people, to bring them together. God will move on us to do something that seems silly and very unorthodox to get the Gospel out. I know that some have criticized us and said: ‘*Your Pastor is not orthodox*’. Well, thank God I am not. I have nothing against the man who is, if he is doing the job for the Lord. I am going to tell you something today, and I have said it and mean it. If I could button my collar backwards, wear stripped britches and long tails, stand dignified, and sing anthems while seeing more people won to the Lord Jesus Christ . . . that is what I would be doing.

It is not the method by which we approach things, it is the motive behind what we are doing that God looks at. I wouldn’t be able to do what I am doing if it were not for the Lord backing me up. It is the Lord’s doings and it is marvelous in our eyes. He is the One who has put it in the hearts of His people everywhere to stand by me while doing a work in the Name of the Lord and for His Glory and Honor and Praise.

Peter, too, was working alone for the Lord. When he came to Cornelius and saw the man come and fall down at his feet to worship him, Peter told him to get up on his feet. I am just a common country preacher boy. You worship the Lord. He is the One Who sent me down here to you.

***Acts 10:25-26:***

***<sup>25</sup> And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.***

***26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.***



Now Peter was pretty smart, even though the Pharisees had called him an unlearned and ignorant man. At least he knew Jesus in a new and very real way. For the Bible says:

***John 17:3: And this is Life Eternal, that they might know Thee the Only True God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.***

Peter knew he would be called on the carpet by his brethren at Headquarters for going to the house of a Gentile. So, he was not going to take any chances and get into hot water. He brought six witnesses along, believers in the Lord.

***Acts 11:12: And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:***

He had a little 'man fear' in him, but thank the Lord, at least he went down to Caesarea. The Lord had helped him over the problem of the race barriers. The elders at Jerusalem at the First Church took very literally the words of the Lord Jesus.

***Matthew 10:5-6:***

***5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:***

***6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.***

***They felt the Salvation of the Lord was only for the Jews. This is the reason why the Lord went to all the trouble of showing His soul-winning preacher, Peter, that the Gentiles are also included now. God also showed the apostle Paul in Ephesians that the barriers are down now, for God is our peace, who hath broke down the partition.***

***Ephesians 2:14-16:***

***14 For He is our peace, Who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;***

***15 Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace;***

***16 And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the Cross, having slain the enmity thereby:***

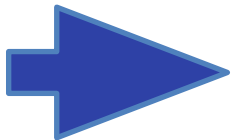
Again, Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians that there are only 2 classes of people in the world: Saved and Not Saved.

***1 Corinthians 10:32: Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:***

Paul also shows there are only two classes of Sinners in the world: Jews and Gentiles:

***Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

Can a good person be lost? We all say we want the truth, but rarely do we want it put to us too plainly or straight. The truth, like some bitter medicine, is more palatable when sugar-coated. This is why so often people resort to double talk. It enables them to dole out sugar talk to another person without disturbing him with too strong a dose of reality. It might otherwise result in a black eye or the cold shoulder treatment. We only want the truth, if at all, in a spoonful at a time. Preachers are often gifted with an ability, then, to recognize this double talk and not to be fooled by it.



**The last place we need double talk is when we are dealing with the eternal destiny of precious souls. Your soul is worth more than all the world to God, and He will not let you be deceived into thinking you are on your way to Heaven when, in reality, you are slipping into Hell dressed in self-righteous garments of church membership.**

God was kind to Cornelius in warning him that he was not right-on, even though he was normal, respectable, and had a good reputation. He prayed, gave alms, was devout, was honest, and denied his body lusts by fasting. Cornelius — and maybe you — are trusting in what *you* can do as your passport to a mansion in the Sky. Jesus told us in:

**Matthew 7:22-23:**

***22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works?***

***23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.***

This statement of fact by Jesus was very upsetting to those who were trusting in their good works. They, as well as you, might be demanding an answer by now: 'What's wrong with trying to be good, respectable, and honest?' Nothing? Why, then, will God not accept our good deeds and works? The only answer I can give you is found in the Bible. There are two reasons which God gives; the first being found in:

**Ephesians 2:8-9:**

***8 For by Grace are ye saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God:***

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**Pride is the root of all boasting. Our hearts are by nature bloated with pride. It causes us to stiffen our necks against God, causes us to show off, craves personal attention by using fancy dressing, displays personal possessions, exercises a domineering spirit, haughtiness, arrogance, or even sanctimoniousness (a holier than thou attitude).**

There is but one cure for pride, and that is total dependence on another. This makes us think very little of self, and we become little in our eyes which makes us lose the self-sufficient spirit, independence, and self-reliance. At the very heart of trying to be saved by our good works is this: We are trying to be our own savior.

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is the sin with a thousand lives. It is more destructive than an atom bomb. It is the captain of all sins, and the Bible says it goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit goes before a fall:

***Proverbs 16:18: Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.***

Jesus said of pride in:

***Mark 7:22-23: Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:***

***<sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.***

***Psalms 10:2: The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.***

Now you can see from the Word of God a true explanation as to why God cannot allow good works as the means of our salvation. Then, also somewhat hidden in this Ephesians scripture, is an indirect strike at pride in our hearts.

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It is God-given faith. This Faith given by God comes upon repenting of our sins as Jesus tells the prideful self-righteous Pharisees:

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***Matthew 21:32: For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.***

Not by our faith and not by our works are we able to become good enough for Heaven. ***Lest, any man should boast***, the Bible says. There will be no boasters in Heaven. This pride of boasting caused all the FUSS and rebellion in the first place by Lucifer in the very beginning of things.

The second reason why we cannot be saved by our good works is this: good works cannot produce life.

You see, we are all sinners by nature and practice. The Bible says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

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*Romans 3:23: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

*Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death; but the Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

God has given us eternal life through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

*1 John 5:11-12:*

*<sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us Eternal Life, and this life is in His Son.*

*<sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

This is the true God and ETERNAL LIFE. This is that Eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest unto us, referring only to the Lord Jesus. Jesus Himself said in:

*John 5:24: Verily, verily, I [Jesus] say unto you, he [anyone] that heareth My [Jesus'] Word, and believeth on Him [God the Father] that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

Before we are saved by the Blood of Jesus, we are spiritually dead in trespasses and sins, as we read in:

*Ephesians 2:1-5:*

*<sup>1</sup> And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

*<sup>2</sup> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

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***<sup>3</sup> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.***

***<sup>4</sup> But God, Who is rich in Mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us,***

***<sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by Grace ye are saved;)***

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Some of you are trusting in your ability in keeping the Ten Commandments - hoping that will give you Eternal life. The Bible says in:

***Galatians 3:21: Is the Law then against the Promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a Law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the Law.***

***<sup>22</sup> But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the Promise by Faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.***

Wherefore, the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by Faith; for we are all the children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus. I do not frustrate the Grace of God; for if righteousness comes by the Law, then Christ's death on the Cross was in vain.

Now, let me tell you something: a God-called preacher and God-sent one will know these things and will be true to your souls to tell it like it is. When Peter went to Cornelius' house and preached unto his whole household about Jesus, a wonderful revival broke out — all his house got **SAVED** in the very first service. It was an amazing meeting, for the people all found the **LORD** right during the preaching and received the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour before Peter had a chance to give the altar call.



**You too can be saved right there where you**

are. You do not have to wait until you get to some church to find Jesus. He is right there where you are. He said in His Word:

***Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.***

***Isaiah 55:6-7:***

***<sup>6</sup> Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:***

***<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.***

When Peter returned to the church Headquarters in Jerusalem, he reported all the Lord had done — how the Lord both saved and filled these Gentiles with the Holy Ghost, and how they responded by praising the Lord:



***Acts 11:18: When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.***

***John 3:36: He that believeth on the Son hath Everlasting Life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.***

## IN CONCLUSION:

My question — Can a good man be lost? The Bible's answer is, "Yes", for he is already lost! That is why Jesus came: *For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.* But a good man does not have to remain lost, because Jesus has done everything that needs to be done to bring you and me Salvation and Eternal Life. Only those are lost who choose to be lost by rejecting God's *only* appointed Redeemer (Jesus) from being their Savior. Jesus said in:

***John 8:21: Then said Jesus again unto them, I go My way, and ye shall seek Me [too late], and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come [to Heaven].***



***John 8:24: I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.***

***John 10:10: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***

***John 6:37: All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.***

**Our Lord has done everything that He can do to save you. Even now, He will not stop short of a miracle to reveal to you the bleeding Lamb on Calvary's rugged Cross who died for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. Will you say right now:**



***“I will take you, Jesus, to be my only Savior from my sins. I will receive you into my heart right now. By Faith in Your precious Blood alone for my cleansing, I will rely only, and rest my eternity in Your finished work on the Cross for my soul’s salvation.”***

Then, Jesus will save you.

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