

## HUMAN GOOD IS NO GOOD

1. Concepts regarding human good:
  - A. Human good is identified as dead works. This is the Divine Viewpoint.
    1. Hebrews 6:1, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from DEAD WORKS, and of faith toward God."
  - B. Human good WILL NOT SAVE MAN.
    1. Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by GRACE are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
    2. 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."
  - C. Human good deceives man into thinking he can save himself:  
Adam and Eve's first act from their old sin nature was human good.
    1. Genesis 3:7, "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."
  - D. Human good is NOT the same as morality: Morality makes the Divine Institutions work.
  - E. Human good is NOT ACCEPTABLE to God.
    1. Isaiah 64:6, "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."
  - F. Human good was rejected at the cross.
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  - G. Human good is condemned by God and will be judged.
    1. Ecclesiastes 12:14, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."
  - H. Human good is the basis of indictment at the last judgment.
    1. Revelation 20:12-15, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the Lake of Fire."
    2. In verse 13 and 14 note the negative volition of the unbeliever toward Jesus Christ. This is what gets you to the last judgment.
2. Human good in regard to the believer:
  - A. The number one enemy in the Christian life is human good. Human good soothes the conscience and keeps the believer from using restoration by GRACE.
    1. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- B. Human good continues to be **unacceptable to God after salvation.**
    - 1. Romans 8:8, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."
  - C. The Biblical basis for handling the old sin nature, and the human good that comes from it, is retroactive positional truth (dead to the old sin nature).
  - D. Ignorance of the Word of God, plus carnality results in human good. Knowledge of the Word of God, plus being in fellowship, results in Divine Good.
  - E. Human good of believers competes with the human good of the unbeliever. You cannot compete with unbelievers on this basis. Your life is lived through the filling of God the Holy Spirit.
  - F. Human good is condemned by God: Romans 8:8. Human good has no part in eternity and it is therefore judged and permanently removed.
    - 1. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."
    - 2. "Wood, hay, stubble" refer to human good.
3. God's final disposition of human good.
- A. 2 Peter 3:10, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, **the Earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**"

#### HUMAN GOOD IS NO GOOD IN GOD'S SIGHT

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