

*THE GOSPEL OF*  
**MARK**

# Mark 10:17



And as he was setting out  
on his journey, a man ran  
up and knelt before him  
and asked him,  
“Good Teacher,  
what must I do  
to inherit eternal life?”



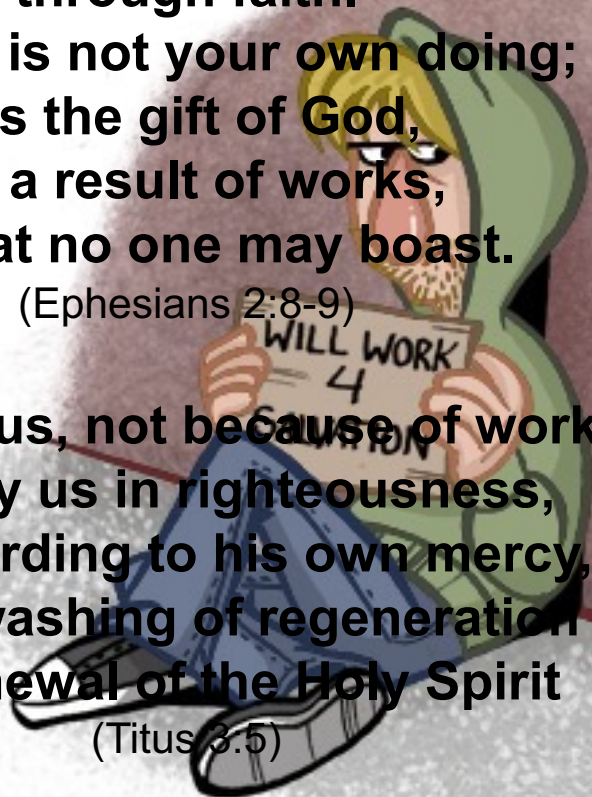
**For by grace you have been saved  
through faith.**

**And this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God,  
not a result of works,  
so that no one may boast.**

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

**He saved us, not because of works  
done by us in righteousness,  
but according to his own mercy,  
by the washing of regeneration  
and renewal of the Holy Spirit**

(Titus 3:5)







# Mark 10:18



And Jesus said to him,  
“Why do you call me good?  
No one is good  
except God alone.”

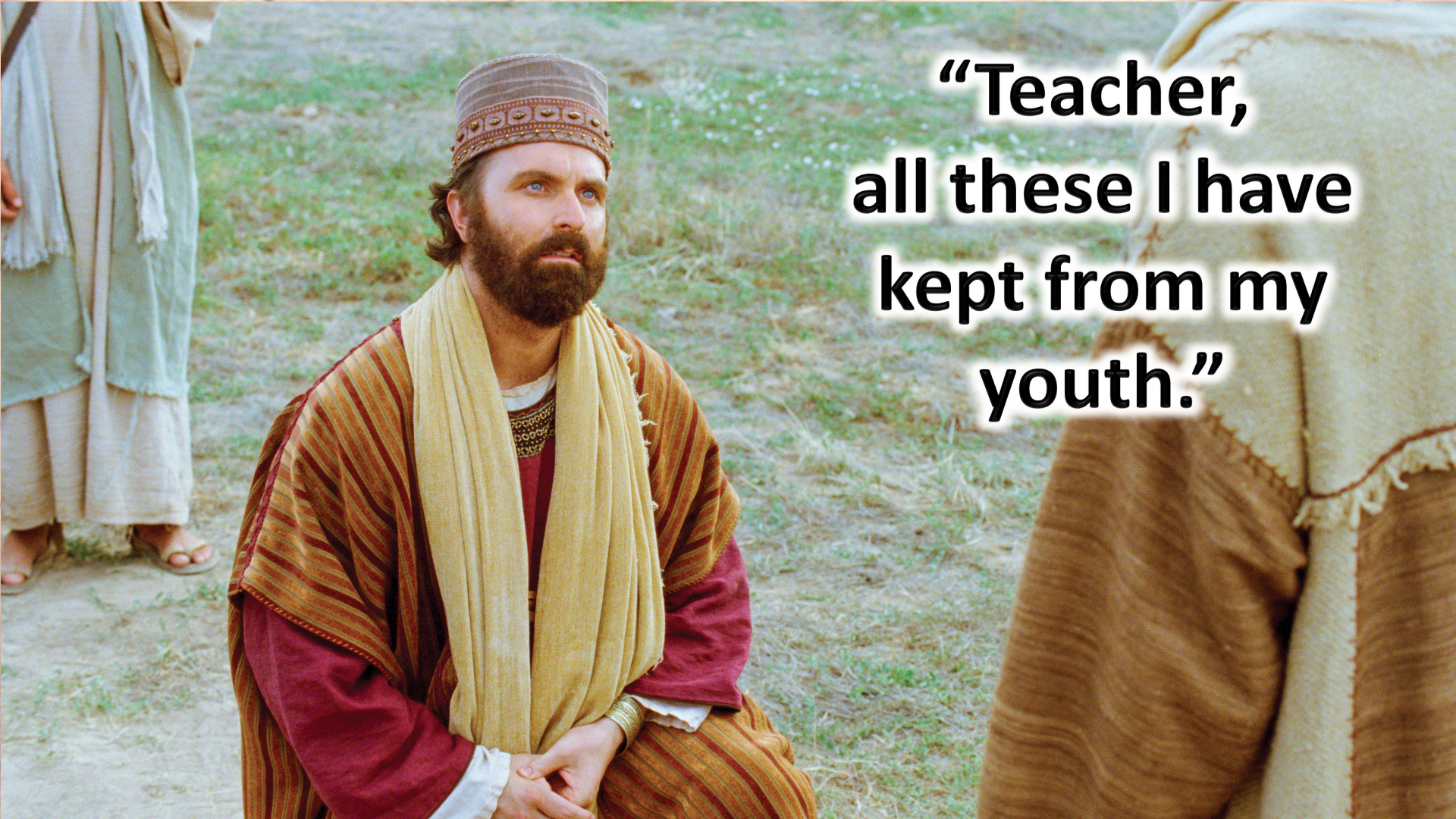


# Mark 10:19



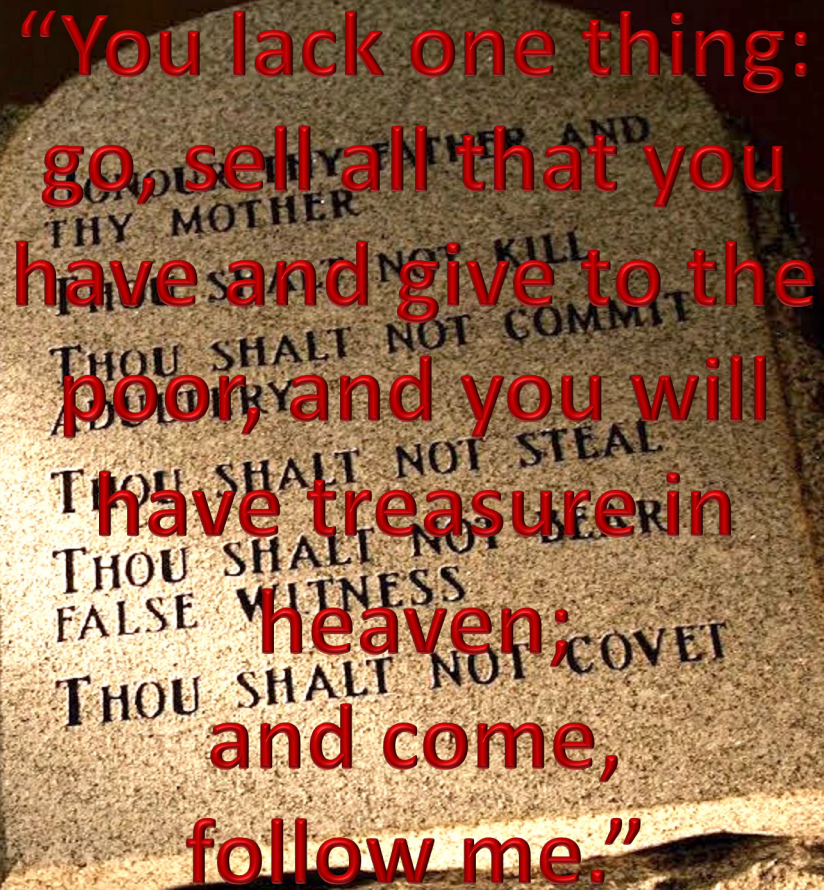
**“You know the  
commandments:  
‘Do not murder,  
Do not commit adultery,  
Do not steal,  
Do not bear false witness,  
Do not defraud,  
Honor your father and  
mother.’”**



A man with a beard and a patterned cap is kneeling in a field. He is wearing a red and gold striped robe over a yellow shawl. He is looking up at a large sack on the right. The text "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**“Teacher,  
all these I have  
kept from my  
youth.”**



A close-up photograph of a stone tablet, likely representing the Ten Commandments. The tablet is weathered and has a rough, textured surface. The text is inscribed in a serif font, with some words in red and others in black. The red text is overlaid on the black text.

**“You lack one thing:  
go, sell all that you  
have and give to the  
poor, and you will  
have treasure in  
heaven;  
and come,  
follow me.”**

CONDUCT THY FATHER AND  
THY MOTHER  
THOU SHALT NOT KILL  
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT  
ADULTERY  
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL  
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR  
FALSE WITNESS  
THOU SHALT NOT COVET

**“Teacher,  
all these I have  
kept from my  
youth.”**

**And Jesus,  
looking at him,  
loved him,**



~~I AM THE LORD THY GOD~~  
~~THOU SHALT HAVE NO~~  
~~OTHER GODS BEFORE ME~~  
~~THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO~~  
~~THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE~~  
~~THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE~~  
~~NAME OF THE LORD THY~~  
~~GOD IN VAIN~~  
~~REMEMBER THE SABBATH~~  
~~DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY~~

To God

HONOUR THY FATHER AND  
THY MOTHER  
THOU SHALT NOT KILL  
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT  
ADULTERY  
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL  
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR  
FALSE WITNESS  
~~THOU SHALT NOT COVET~~

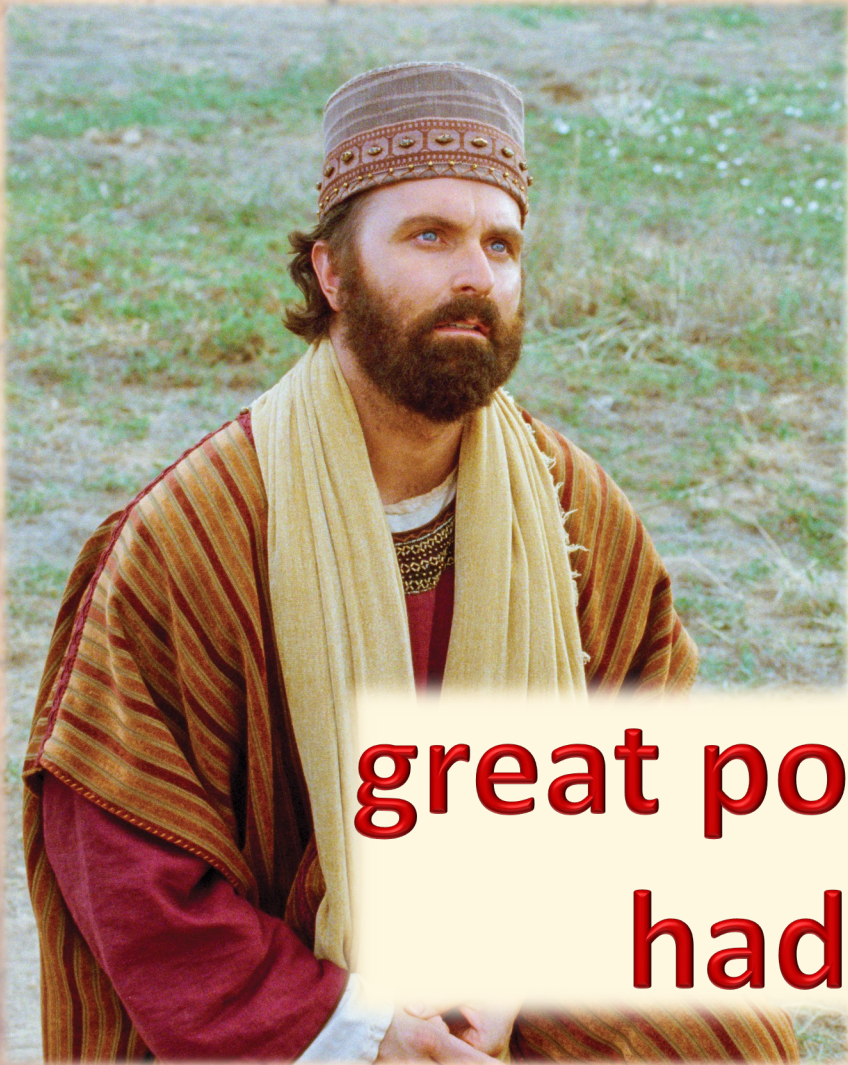
To man





**Riches  
had gotten  
between him  
and his God.  
Competition  
must be  
removed.**





**Disheartened  
by the saying,  
he went away  
sorrowful, for**

**great possessions** great  
**had him!** sions.



And Jesus looked around and  
said to his disciples,

**“How difficult it will be for  
those who have wealth to  
enter the kingdom of God!”**

And the disciples were amazed  
at his words. But Jesus said to  
them again,

**“Children, how difficult it is to  
enter the kingdom of God!”**





**“It is easier for a  
camel to go  
through the eye  
of a needle than  
for a rich person  
to enter the  
kingdom of God.”**



**And they were  
exceedingly  
astonished, and  
said to him,  
“Then who  
can be saved?”**





Jesus looked at them  
and said,  
“With man  
it is impossible,  
but not with God.  
For all things  
are possible  
with God.”









# Can Good Works Get Anyone To Heaven?

**Yes**

**All world religions  
and philosophies  
other than Biblical  
Christianity**

**No**

**Biblical  
Christianity**





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**Yes**

If so, the  
standard =  
**Degrees of**  
Goodness



**The Balance**  
**The "Curve" Theory**



# Can Good Works Get Anyone To Heaven?

The fourfold problem with a works system:

1) It's **A**rbitrary: (two ways)

Which set of works?

How much?

Ten Commandments?

Five Pillars of Islam? **100%**

The Golden Rule? **25%**

**70%**





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2) It offers no **A**ssurance





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- 3) It requires **A**cceptance of evil.

“Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;  
you cannot tolerate wrong.” (Habakkuk 1:13)





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- 4) It's **A**nti-Biblical.

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What is  
the plan  
to make up  
the gap?

**Mass Murderer**

A works system will put you "on the ladder,"  
but does not "make up the gap!"



Jesus looked at them  
and said,  
“With man  
it is impossible,  
but not with God.  
For all things  
are possible  
with God.”







**What comes between  
you and God?**

**Why is it difficult  
when we have much?**

**What can we do  
practically about it?**



