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## *Not by Works*

In the last two weeks, I have heard these sincere comments;

I'm Catholic, I'm Baptist, My parents are Christians, I was baptized (sprinkled or immersed). **THIS DOES NOT MAKE YOU SAVED NOR A CHRISTIAN.** There is only one way to be **SAVED**, and that is through acceptance and **BELIEF** in

Jesus, and that he is who and what he says he is. (The

Messiah, The son of God, The savior of the world and the

**ONLY** way to the Father, the **RISEN** Savior.) *If Jesus had not rose from the dead, our faith would be in vain.*

Being baptized doesn't save you, it only makes you wet, if done through love of Jesus and obedience to his word, it has merit.

**NOBODY** can make your salvation commitment or decision for you. **YOU** have to believe **First**, Then you **ACT** upon that faith.

Romans 3:

there is no difference:

**22-24** Even the righteousness of God which is by

faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for

**short of the glory of God;**

**For all have sinned, and come**

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:  
Revelation 3:19-21 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be  
zealous therefore, and repent.

**door, and knock:** if any man hear my voice, and open the  
Being justified freely by his grace

**Behold, I stand at the**

door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as  
I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Upon acceptance of Jesus into your heart, **YOU ARE,** in the spirit **A  
BRAND NEW PERSON,** not the flesh nor your mind. **YOU** have  
to renew your mind, you ask, how do you do that.

By reading and believing the written word of God.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word  
of God. This includes, hearing the word preached, **BUT FIRST,** pray  
and ask God to lead you into true doctrine and understanding, because  
the greatest amount of preaching nowadays is watered down stories. **NO  
POWER, NO SIGNS/WONDERS, and No Authority,** the  
reason; is **FEAR.** They are afraid that they may be ridiculed or offend  
someone.

If the word is being preached, and some are offended, it is because they  
are not listening to the Holy Spirit and their walk with the Lord is being  
compromised by **SELF** desires.

In Psalms 103: It talks about forget not, **ALL** Gods benefits, and his  
love toward us. **BUT HOW MANY** of us want **ALL** his benefits.  
There are a lot more benefits than just going to heaven, **IF** we will only  
believe and trust him, he has given us the ability (through his word) to

live and experience his promises, **HERE** in this life, instead of waiting for the sweet bye and bye.

People are a peculiar bunch, they would sooner live under bondage than in the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

When God wrote the 10 commandments, he wrote them on tablets of **STONE**, and Jesus fulfilled those **HARD** rules. When we are born again, he writes his commandments on our fleshly hearts and we keep them better without really

trying than those that insist you must live by the letter of

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the law.

Jesus said keep **MY** commandments, which were, **ALL LOVE**.  
Matthew 22:37-40, John 13.34.

There are three categories of professing Christians,

**#1** Those that live under the law which is bondage

**#2** Those that live by Grace alone, anything goes

**#2** Those that are disciples of Jesus, Grace and Faith.

I trust this will answer your question

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