

Our Most Righteous Acts

Compared to the goodness of the Lord, our most righteous acts are about the equivalent of a filthy rag. Try as we may, we can never live up to the Lord's standards of what's really good. Knowing that, He sent Jesus down to live out a human existence and become a sacrifice so significant that we would never have to try to live up to that standard in order to achieve eternal life, but rather once we simply believe in the Lord, and confess it, that's what seals our eternal destiny.

This is so simple that most people never get it. They try to complicate a beautifully simple process, and that is where they fail.

Isaiah 64 (NIV)

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.
How then can we be saved?
⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
⁷ No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.
¹⁰ Your sacred cities have become a wasteland;
even Zion is a wasteland, Jerusalem a desolation.
¹¹ Our holy and glorious temple, where our ancestors praised you,
has been burned with fire,
and all that we treasured lies in ruins.
¹² After all this, LORD, will you hold yourself back?
Will you keep silent and punish us beyond measure?

So please know that once you accept Jesus as your own Lord & Savior, your name is "written-in" the Book of Life, never to be removed no matter what. That's the Spiritual Deal, and that is a deal of the century!

Oh, and by the way, it's free!

I hope you have an amazing day!!

- Jack