

People often assume that good people will go to heaven. “But she’s such a wonderful person,” someone will say. Or, “He does so much for others.”

Our good works will not get us to heaven! The only thing that guarantees us entrance into God’s perfect kingdom is His grace and a relationship with Him.

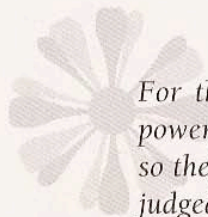
Read what the Bible has to say about this: “You have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it “ (Ephesians 2:8–9).

What two things listed above are ingredients to your salvation?

1. _____
2. _____

Do you know some good people who don’t have a personal relationship with Christ? List a few of their names and ask God to give you opportunity to share the gospel with them. Pray for them consistently.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



For this reason God sends them something powerful that leads them away from the truth so they will believe a lie. So all those will be judged guilty who did not believe the truth, but enjoyed doing evil.

—2 THESSALONIANS 2:11–12 NCV

God will allow those who aren’t saved to believe the lies of the Antichrist. Lots of people today have heard the gospel but refuse to believe it. Second Thessalonians 2:11–12 tells us that God will send a strong delusion to them. God has graciously given them ample opportunity to accept His truth, but they still refuse. These are the people who will openly accept lies and deceptions.

STOP & PRAY

Pray that God will continue to tenderize your heart and keep you open to His teaching. Ask Him to bless you with discernment and wisdom so you can differentiate truth from lies.

SCOOP 2

Brothers and sisters, whom the Lord loves, God chose you from the beginning to be saved. So we must always thank God for you. You are saved by the Spirit that makes you holy and by your faith in the truth.

—2 Thessalonians 2:13 NCV