

GLEANINGS

CAIN'S GOOD DEEDS

When Cain was born, Lucifer (Satan) corrupted this seed of Eve and Adam by leading him to seek forgiveness of his sin debt through his good works and a bloodless sacrifice (Genesis 4:1-5).

In the eyes of God, however, all the good deeds that Cain depended upon for salvation (and that some people today depend upon for salvation also) looked like filthy rags (Isaia 64:5 or Isaiah 64:6).

*"⁶All of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind."
Isaia 64: 5 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)*

God's plan of salvation is very simple but it does not include doing good deeds.

"¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:1-9 NIV

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