

Separating the Sheep from the Goats

When the nations were gathered before Christ in Matt. 25, and the sheep were separated from the goats, Jesus didn't ask, "OK, which of you prayed the sinner's prayer before you died?" When the teacher of the law asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal (aionian) life (Luke 10), Jesus didn't answer, "simply pray the sinner's prayer." The religion of Jesus is a "way" of life, not a "get-out-of-jail-free card." That is why the early Christians were called "followers of the way." All have been "saved by grace." That happened at Calvary. Now Christ asks us to live accordingly.