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1. These were religious people
2. They believed in Jesus
3. They were actively working
4. They thought they were pleasing

**BUT THEY WERE REJECTED  
BY JESUS!**

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### IT TAKES GOOD INTENTIONS...

- Hebrews 5:8-9... He became the author of salvation unto all who obey
- Proverbs 27:1... boast not thyself of tomorrow
- 2 Cor. 6:2... Behold now is the acceptable time

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### IT TAKES BEING GOOD...

– Cornelius – Acts 10:2

Acts 10:22

– All of Us – Isaiah 64-6... *“For we are all become as one that is unclean and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment (filthy rags).”*

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### IT TAKES BEING RELIGIOUS...

- Acts 17:22... “very religious” (but they did not know the true God)
- James 1:26-27... “If any man thinketh himself to be religious... this man’s religion is vain”
- Conversions in the book of Acts (people were already religious)

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### IT TAKES FAITH OR BELIEF...

- Hebrews 11:6... without faith...
- John 8:24... except ye believe
- 2 Timothy 4:3... sound doctrine
- James 2:19-24 (more than faith)
- Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess,  
be Baptized, be Faithful

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### IT TAKES JOINING A CHURCH...

- Acts 9:26... Saul assayed to join
- Matthew 16:18... "my church"
- Eph. 1:20ff... "his body"
- Eph. 4:4-5... "one body"
- Acts 2:47... "the Lord added"

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### IT TAKES CALLING HIM LORD...

- Matthew 7:21... Not everyone that saith, Lord, Lord
- Luke 6:46... Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?

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### IT TAKES BEING PERSUADED...

- 2 Corinthians 5:11... we persuade men
- Acts 26:26-28... Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian

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**I HOPE THIS SERMON HELPS...**

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