***The Heresy of a Self-Righteous Me***

Ephesians 2:8-10

**1 John 4:10 (NASB)**

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

*What must I do to be saved?*

*Being good is not bad, it’s just not good enough!*

***Reject the Heresy of a Self-Righteous Me!***

**Romans 3:10-12 (NIV)**   
10  As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;   
11  there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.   
12  All have turned away, they have together become worthless;

there is no one who does good, not even one."

**Isaiah 64:6 (NIV)**   
*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.

*Grace is indeed required to turn a man into a saint; and he who doubts this does not know what either a man or a saint is.* - Blaise Pascal

**Romans 3:20 (NIV)**   
Therefore *no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law*; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

*What would Heaven be like if I could save myself?*

**Matthew 7:22-23 (NIV)**   
22  Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23  Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

*Religion can kill me… forever!*

***Receive the Gift of God!***

* Receive the grace of God.

**Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)**   
7  In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8  that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

**Romans 11:6 (NIV)**   
And if by grace, then *it is no longer by works*; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

* Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Acts 16:31 (NIV)**   
They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

***Respond Appropriately!*** (Ephesians 2:10)

* I am God’s workmanship, a new creation.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**   
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

* I have a God-given purpose.

*Take a hike! Get to work!*

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.