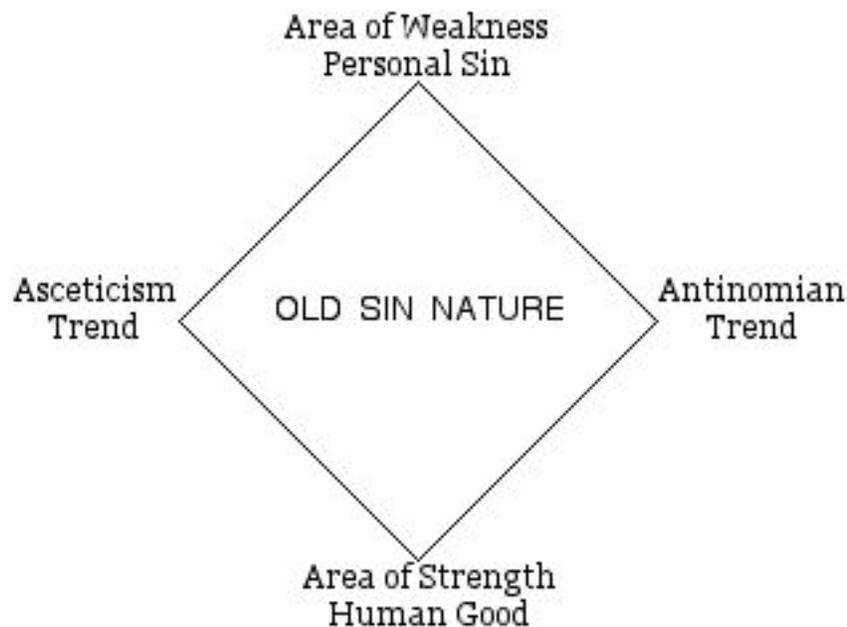


## *Doctrine of Human Good Versus Divine Good*

### Human Good

1. Human good is any production performed while there is unconfessed sin in the life of a believer or that production performed by a believer not motivated by Bible doctrine. All production performed by an unbeliever is human good. An unbeliever cannot perform divine good.

1.1 Human good is a product of a believer's old sin nature and more often than not, human good comes from the believer's area of strength. An ascetic is more likely to produce human good than an antinomian.



2. The overt manifestations of human good may appear very legitimate. For example

- tithing
- becoming a missionary
- witnessing
- all sorts of social benevolence
- political activism
- volunteer work at the hospital

2.1 Clearly, all of the above examples might indeed be divine good, depending on the motivation of the believer. If a believer witnesses because he thinks the recipient of the witness is going to hell if he or she does not witness, the act becomes human good. If, however, the witnessing is done because the Bible says do it, the act becomes divine good.

3. Human good is dead to God's plan and is called in Scripture dead works.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

4. Human good is never acceptable to God. Human good is also said to be “filthy rags in the eyes of the Lord.”

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

5. Human good is often moral conduct and important in the proper functioning of a national entity. Morality in many cases may be human good but useful in the proper functioning of society.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Rom 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? That which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Rom 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Rom 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Rom 13:6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

Rom 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

6. An unbeliever, for example, who is an establishment man, is a valuable asset to his country although his works may in fact be just human good that will later indict him at the end of the Millennium. The judgment of all unbelievers at the end of Christ's 1000 year reign is called the Great White Throne.

6.1 For more detail see Rev 20:1-11 and the following chart entitled “Order of the Resurrections.”

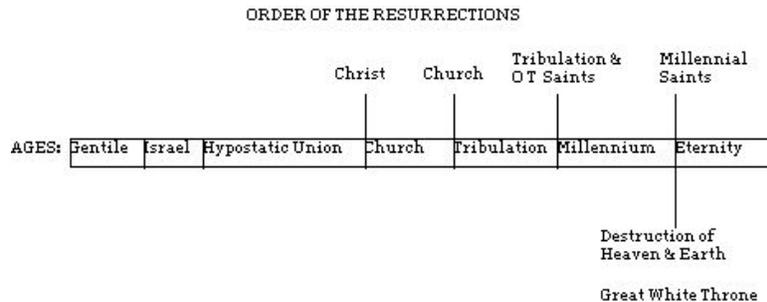
Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



7. Human good cannot save mankind.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Rom 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Rom 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

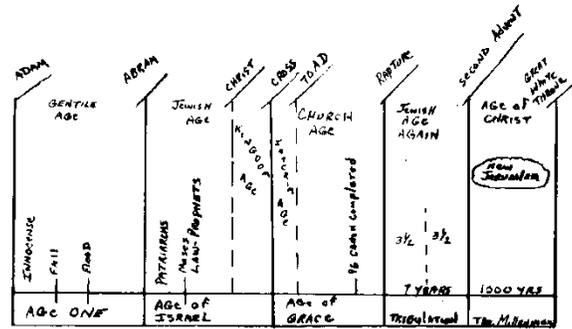
8. All human good and divine good performed by a believer will be revealed at the **Bema**. Divine good is rewarded and human good will be burned.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

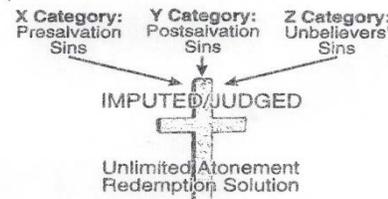
1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.  
 1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.  
 1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

9. Human good is the basis for the unbeliever's indictment at the last judgment.



10. At the Great White Throne sins are not mentioned because of the unlimited atonement for all sin at the cross.

1Jo 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.



11. Human good can only produce boasting.

12. Human good was not judged at the cross but rejected.

12.1 The human good produced by the unbeliever will become evidence against him at the Great White Throne.

13. Since Christ was perfect He performed no human good.

14. One thing mankind did not need in the perfect environment of the garden was the knowledge of good and evil. It was at the Fall where human good became an issue.

14.1 Certainly Eve thought she could help God. The first act of human good ultimately led to the condemnation of the entire human race. Adam parlayed Eve's human good into the first sin.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die ...

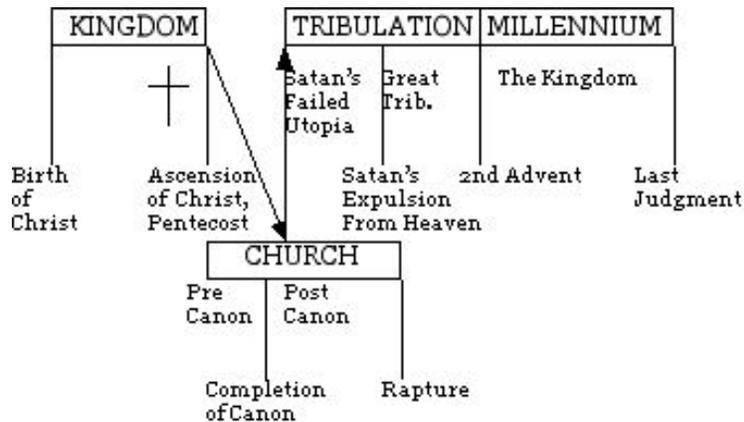
Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

15. Perfect environment has been the goal of the natural and carnal man ever since the Fall. Even when such perfection exists, a spiritually unregulated man cannot handle it.

### 15.1 Examples

- The Garden of Eden
- The perfect environment of the Millennium.

16. Before we begin our study of divine good, I want to provide a dispensation chart which shows the Church Age as an intercalation between two Jewish ages--the Kingdom Age and the Tribulation. As we move to our study of divine good, keep in mind the Bema or Judgment Seat of Christ takes place just after the Rapture, and the Great White Throne occurs at the end of the Millennium.



### Divine Good

1. Divine good is production acceptable to God.
2. Divine good is often described in the Scripture by the words "good works."

2.1 In most cases the word for works is the noun **Ergon** preceded by the adjective **Agathos**. For example:

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your **good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

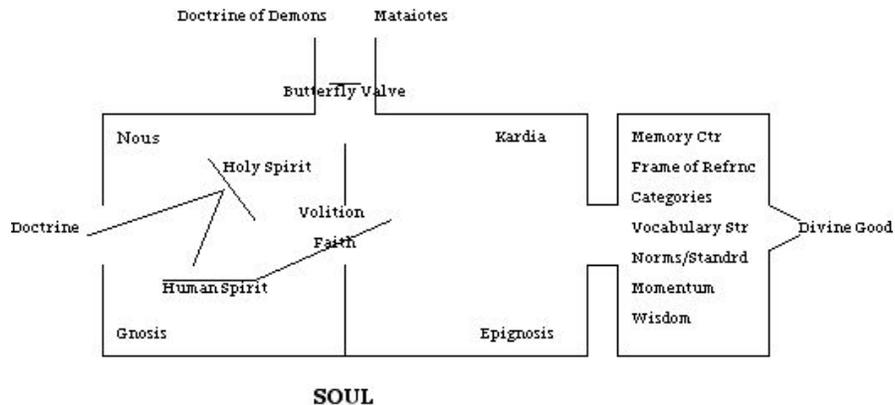
Acts 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of **good works** and almsdeeds which she did.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to **good works**:

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your **good works**, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

2.2 Technically speaking, divine good is any production of a believer done while filled with the Spirit and motivated by Bible doctrine.



3. One reason for Scripture, according to 2Ti 3:17, is the production of divine good.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all **good works**.

4. James in Jam 1:25 by way of expanded translation tells us that works acceptable to God come from the consistent intake of the Word:

"But the believer who consistently takes in the Word becomes a doer of divine good and as a doer he is happy in his production."

5. God's grace apparatus for perception is designed for the production of divine good.

6. The source of divine good is Bible doctrine:

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jam 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

7. In Rom 12:21 Paul indicates divine good is a means of overcoming evil thinking. Remember sin was judged on the cross but evil was not judged; evil is still an issue in the angelic conflict.

Rom 12:21 Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with divine good.

8. We are left in time for the purpose of performing divine good, i.e., to cycle doctrine in the soul in order to produce divine good. A believer's divine good was decreed in eternity past in order that it might be displayed in time.

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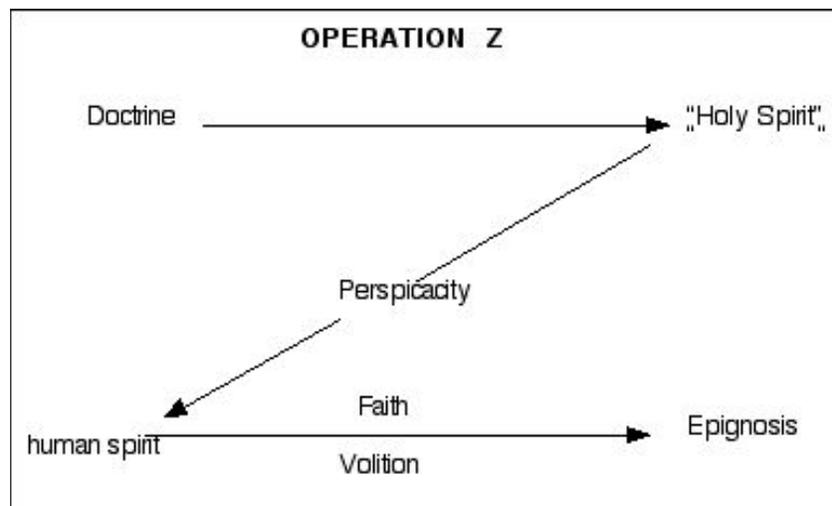
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10. Divine good is the direct result of doctrine being resident in the soul of the believer, where by faith doctrine taught by the Holy Spirit is believed and becomes Epignosis. A natural product of this occurrence is the production of divine good.

11. The manifestation of divine good is part of the protocol plan of God (PPG). Our Operation Z chart and the mathematic equation Faith + Human IQ = Spiritual IQ + Intake and Metabolization of Doctrine = Protocol Plan of God perhaps best describe this grace phenomenon.



$$F + HIQ = SIQ + Z = PPG$$



