

Do vs. Done

This analogy comes from the book Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels. A good way to distinguish Christianity from all other religions, religion in general, as well as emphasize Christ's death for our sin is the analogy of "do vs. done." It goes like this:

I like to think of the difference between Christianity and religion as the difference between do vs. done. Religion is about following lists of do's and don't's. Religion is about what we can do for God to be good enough to get into heaven.

But the problem is that you never know when you've done enough. It's like being a salesman that knows he must make a quota but never being told what it is.

Christianity is about what God has done for us. God did for us what we could have never done for ourselves. He lived the perfect life we could never live, and Jesus died on the cross to pay for all of the wrongs we've committed, or ever will.

To become a real Christian is to humbly receive God's gift of forgiveness and to commit to following His leadership. When we do that, He adopts us into his family, and begins to change us from the inside out.



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