



CAN I HELP PEOPLE GET TO HEAVEN BY MY ACTIONS?



#354 CAN PEOPLE BE FORCED TO BELIEVE IN GOD?

No. No one may force others to believe. A person can make the decision to believe only in complete freedom. Christians, however, are called to help other people, by word and example, to find the way to faith.

SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

St. Isaac Jogues was born in France in 1607 and in 1624 he entered the Jesuits. He became a missionary to Canada (then called New France) and was captured, tortured, and enslaved by the Mohawk Iroquois. During his enslavement, he tried to teach them Christianity. He was able to escape and return to France. Back in France, he received special permission to celebrate Mass, even though his hands had been mutilated by the Mohawks. He eventually went back to Canada to finish his missionary work and bring the Gospel to the people there. He was killed by the Mohawks on October 18, 1646.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

WHEN JESUS HEARD THAT THEY HAD THROWN HIM OUT, HE FOUND HIM AND SAID, "DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SON OF MAN?" HE ANSWERED AND SAID, "WHO IS HE, SIR, THAT I MAY BELIEVE IN HIM?" JESUS SAID TO HIM, "YOU HAVE SEEN HIM AND THE ONE SPEAKING WITH YOU IS HE." HE SAID, "I DO BELIEVE, LORD," AND HE WORSHIPED HIM."

-JOHN 9: 1-41

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: