Revelation: Hinduism Versus Christianity

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without God. This determination does not rest of the good or bad a person may have done in their life like the Hindu belief, however, it rests only in whether or not the individual accepted Jesus and believed in him. Christians believe in the grace and mercy of God, that we will never be perfect but God saves us from our imperfections. The Hindu belief system is a never-ending cycle of trying to attain perfection in which form you are reincarnated to be. There is no grace, no rest, and no hope.