Good People Do Go To Heaven, Don't They?

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INTRODUCTION

- Suppose God asks you this question. Why should I let you into heaven? What answer would you give?
- If you miss heaven, you've missed everything that means anything.
- If you fear God and do what is right, God welcomes you.

1 No One Is Good Except God Alone

Mark 10:17–18; Romans 3:9–12; Isaiah 64:6

- The Bible talks about goodness and suggests to us that God is the standard of what is good.
- Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.
- All have turned aside. Together they have become useless. There is none who does good. There is not even one.
- The best that we can do, we're still presenting filthy rags. None of us is ultimately good.

2 God Had to Act

Romans 7:24; Titus 2:11–12; Romans 14:10–12

- God had to act. He had to engineer the whole process, or we couldn't have done it.
- He established a faith system based upon what Christ did at Calvary to provide the justice for our sins.
- But that does not argue that God has done everything in salvation, and man must do nothing.
- So grace had attached instructions.

3 How Good? Warnings to Believers

James 5:19–20; 2 Timothy 3:5

- As we define good, we have to ask, how good? What exactly is God looking for so that we can go to heaven?
- This is talking about spiritual death. Somebody who errs from the truth.
- While God has established a new system to deal with our lack of goodness, that doesn't mean we can just do whatever we want and still go to heaven.
- If you abide in my word, then you are disciples of mine, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

4 Absolutely Necessary: God's Mercy and Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1; Titus 3:5

- What's absolutely necessary is God's mercy and forgiveness. Because not only have we stumbled in the past, we will stumble yet again.
- By the love and graciousness of our God, those not good can be reckoned as good.
- We need to embrace his provisions through the prescribed means.
- Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling upon the name of the Lord.

5 Present Yourself as a Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1–2; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 2 Peter 1:10

- He expects you to present yourself as a living sacrifice.
- Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good.
- It's a remarkable and high calling to be humble and honest and teachable and faithful.
- If you have been called and chosen in Christ, then you pursue these things.

6 We'll Never Be Good Enough

Philippians 1:6

- When we've done all that which we've been commanded to do, we are still unprofitable servants.
- We're still going to need the mercy of our God. That's the basis of our salvation.
- He who began a good work in you will complete it at the day of Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you humbly embraced his requirements? If not, it's time for you to comply.

MY NOTES