

Life Notes

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HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

There is nothing you can do to make God love you less!

What is SIN?

James 4:17 (NIV)

¹⁷Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

Bad Vs. Good

#1. How do you get from here to there?

GOOD PEOPLE GO TO HEAVEN??

#2. If God appeared to you and asked, "Why should I let you into heaven?" how would you answer?

..."I've always tried to...."

..."I never..."

..."I do my best at..."

Ecclesiastes 7:2 (NIV)

"It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart."

#3. But how good is good enough?

Perhaps bad people go to heaven? The "good people go" view has some major problems!

#4. What about the Bible? What about the 10 commandments?

Here's what the New Testament says about working our way into heaven:

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

There is no one righteous, not even one.

Romans 3:10 (NIV)

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;..."

For the wages of sin is death.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in [God's] sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin...

Romans 3:20 (NIV)

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

5. Do you know why the various world religions cling to this view in one form or another?

Because there aren't any good options.

There was one major religious figure who did not believe that good people go to heaven...

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