

It's true that most people consider themselves to be pretty good people. They believe that if they are kind and loving to their families and don't rob or kill anyone, that God will have to accept their "goodness" and allow them into heaven. However, the bible tells that God does not see it that way at all. According to him, there are none that ARE good and none that DO good.

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Romans 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Well, how can that be? Someone might ask. Haven't I kept most of his commandments?

God does not grade on a curve, according to who is closest to his standard. He grades as a simple pass or fail. Either you are completely perfect and holy, or you are not.

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Galatians 3:10 Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Either you have kept all of the law, or you are guilty of breaking all of it.

1. "Thou shalt have no other gods."- Have you ever put anything before God?

2. "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them."- Have you ever prayed to an icon or picture or image?

3. "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain."- Have you ever taken the Lord's name in a useless, or meaningless way, or as a curse word?

4. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."- Have you always kept the Lord's day as a day to rest and worship God?

5. "Honour thy father and thy mother:"- Have you always honored your parents?

6. "Thou shalt not kill."- Have you ever killed?

7. "Thou shalt not commit adultery."- Have you ever cheated on your spouse?

8. "Thou shalt not steal."-Have you ever taken ANYTHING that wasn't yours?

9. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."-Have you ever lied? Even once?

10. "Thou shalt not covet."- Have you ever wanted what someone else had?

Most people would say that they have kept some of these, but no one can claim that they have kept them ALL. Anyone who says they have is a liar according to the Bible.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

You see, God gave us his laws, NOT to show us how "good" we are, but to show us how sinful we are.

Romans 3:19-20 What things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

God's word here tells us that no one can look into his perfect law and still try to justify themselves. Any reasonable person will admit that they have fallen far short of God's perfect standard of goodness.

The law brings knowledge of our guilt before God and causes us to stop and surrender as guilty sinners before an all holy God. God Himself, is so perfect and holy that he cannot even look upon sin, so he certainly cannot allow it into heaven.

To think that we are as good as God and able to be in his presence is similar to the claims Satan made, elevating himself to the status of God, and deceiving Eve in the garden with the promise that: "ye shall be as gods."

On our own, we can NEVER be good enough to be in the presence of God.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Who then is good? Jesus told us that ONLY God himself is good. Who can ever be good enough to please God?

Only one man that ever lived fulfilled ALL of God's commandments and NEVER sinned. That man is Jesus Christ, God himself manifested in the flesh.

The penalty for our sin is death and separation from God in Hell. Jesus Christ, the perfect holy son of God, who never sinned; took upon himself all of our sins. He paid our penalty when he suffered and died in our place.

Then he rose again to show us that he alone has power to save us. Through faith in him, we are made righteous in the eyes of God. Because of what Christ has done for us, God sees his righteousness as our own.

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Only those who truly see themselves as sinners in need of a Savior can be saved. Any who are trusting in their own righteousness cannot be saved.

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

We must repent and put our faith in Christ alone. That means that we must humble ourselves by acknowledging our sin and turning from it, renouncing our efforts to save ourselves, and trust in the only one who can save us- Jesus.

James 4:6 God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Ephesians 2:8 & 9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Won't you believe on Christ today?

Romans 10:9 & 10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Call upon the Lord today, confessing and forsaking your sin, and put your trust in Jesus. He will forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness and give you eternal life. If you have believed the message of Christ today, find a Bible-believing Church, be baptized as a testimony of your faith, and read your Bible every day.

All Scripture Taken from the King James Version of the Bible



I'm a pretty good person.

I would never hurt anyone. I am honest. I love and care for my family. Surely, I will go to heaven when I die.

Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

