



How Good Do I Have to Be?

Romans 3:20-26

No One is Good Enough for Heaven

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..

- Are you good enough to go to heaven? – NO
- The glory of God is the ultimate standard

Psalm 34:8 For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His faithfulness *endures* to all generations.

No One is Good but God

Matthew 19:16-20 Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

¹⁷ So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”



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No One is too Bad to Save

Luke 19:10 “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals.. will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

No Matter How Bad You've Been

1 Timothy 2:4 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY
MY SINS? NOTHING BUT
THE BLOOD OF JESUS!

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No One Can be a Good Enough Christian

Acts 2:38 “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit..

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Luke 17:10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”

No One is Safe from Falling

Hebrews 10:26-27 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

Jesus Christ is our Advocate

1 John 2:1-2 these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 1:7 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

We are Saved to be doing Good

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before-hand that we should walk in them.

James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Hebrews 3:12-13 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

The Bottom Line

Romans 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing





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