



- Welcome and Introduction

## What about a good person?

### Why do they need Christ?

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#### 1. A Common Assumption

Good people are pleasing to God...and if there is a heaven, they will go there when they die.

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#### 2. If people will be judged based on their good works, there are some problems to consider.

##### A. The standard of “What is good” is unclear.

What is “good”? How much is good enough?

##### B. There would be no assurance that you are a good enough.

##### C. It assumes that God accepts some evil.

##### D. It is an assumption that contradicts the Gospel.

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#### 3. The Bible presents a different story about pleasing God.

##### A. God’s Position. Loving. Holy. Just. Perfect.

Is God able to do anything? Can He become un-Holy?

“For the trouble is that one part of you is on His side and really agrees with His disapproval of human greed and trickery and exploitation. You may want Him to make an exception in your own case, to let you off this one time; but you know at bottom that unless the power behind the world really and unalterably detests that sort of behavior, then He cannot be good. On the other hand, we know that if there does exist an absolute goodness it must hate most of what we do. That is the terrible fix we are in.”—C.S. Lewis, in *Mere Christianity*

##### B. Humanity’s condition. Sinful and Separated.

##### We fall short of our own moral standard.

**Romans 2:1-3**—“...But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?”

**We fall short of God's moral standard.**

**Matthew 5:21-22**—"You have heard that it was said..., 'You shall not murder...But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. ...And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

**Matthew 5:48**—"Therefore, you are to be perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect. "

**James 2:10**—"For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all."

**Romans 3:14-16**

"... This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares."

**Romans 3:23**—"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. "

**C. God's provision.** Christ was our Substitute.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**—"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

**Romans 3:20-25**—"For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ..."

**D. Humanity's Decision.** Trust and Receive Jesus Christ.

The only qualification for heaven is to know that you are not qualified.  
Put your trust in the only One who is.

**John 5:24**—"Truly truly I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in Him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

**1 John 5:11-13**—"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

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**Conclusion and Encouragement**