

How Good is Good Enough? Part 2

Romans 5:12-21

Summary

This sermon will focus our attention on the reasons as to why *forgiven people go to heaven* versus the worldly view that *good people go to heaven*. We will examine four reasons as to why people need forgiveness and how we get that forgiveness.

The Case for Forgiveness

Point #1 – Fairness is not Forgiveness

- **Hebrews 2:14-18**
- **Mercy** – God going above and beyond what is fair.
- **Key Point** – This main point helps each of struggle with the true nature of fairness versus forgiveness. If mankind received what they deserved then we would be completely destroyed by the Creator because of our great sinfulness and unrighteousness.
- **Key Question** – How do we determine what is fair? From a worldly point of view? From a Christian point of view?

Point #2 – Understanding the Saga of Man

- **Romans 5:18-19**
- **Creation to Corruption**
- **Key Point** – This main point examines how we got in the mess that we find ourselves in. It is a fact that God made mankind perfect yet mankind chose to sin against the one command God gave them. Mankind was corrupted by the things of the world which brought sin into the world. Sin brings death.
- **Key Question** – Why does sin bring with it death? Explain.

Point #3 – Understanding the Need for a Savior

- **Romans 5:17**
- **Man Cries Out for Justice**
- **God Reaches Out With Grace**
- **Key Point** – This key point examines the solution to overcoming our sinful nature. The solution is not found in a “Divine To-Do List” such as the Ten Commandments rather it is found through the sacrifice of a Savior.
- **Key Question** – Explain how a person could follow the Ten Commandments to the letter and still not see heaven. What is the solution?

Point #4 – God’s Grace Triumphs Over Death

- **Romans 5:20-21**
- **Preparation of the Heart**
- **Key Point** – This key point brings us to the “*Do vs. Done*” mentality. It is not what we do that saves us rather it is what has already been done. God’s grace reigns over the deepest and darkest sin.
- **Key Question** – How has God’s grace worked in your own life? How have you shown God’s grace?

Questions to Consider

1. Explain why people need to be forgiven to go to heaven. What do they need to be forgiven from?
2. How would you explain the atonement of Jesus Christ for your sin to a *seeker*?

Memory Verse

Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...

Challenge

During the month of July make a list of three people that do not know Jesus as their Savior and pray for their salvation daily.



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