

Can I Be Perfect?

Romans 4:1-8 & 13-26

Introduction: Matthew 5:48

I. You Can Try Working Your Way to Heaven By Living a Good Life

A. What is the system most people try to use?

1. Explanation:

2. The thinking here is if I _____
_____.

3. I get to have heaven as a R_____ for being good!

B. God's word says you can never be that good!

1. What's the problem here? - Romans 3:23

2. What's the reward for this system? - v2 & 14-15

C. So, why did God give us the Law of Moses? - v15

II. You Can Trust God to Count You Good Enough to Get to Heaven

A. What did Lord Jesus do about your sins?

1. He provided the difference between what?

2. If salvation isn't a reward for living a good life, what is it? - v5

B. Father Abraham's example:

1. Remember faith @ 1.

2. Remember faith @ 2.

C. What will happen when you use the same faith Abraham used?

1. God promised when you receive Jesus, He R_____ you!

2. What's the down payment?

D. What does this, then, free you up to do?

1. How do you please God now? - Colossians 1:28

2. Ways to strive towards "perfection":

a. Genesis 17:1 & I Kings 8:61.

b. Deuteronomy 18:3.

c. Ephesians 4:13.

d. II Timothy 3:17.

e. Hebrews 6:1.

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