

Why Can't I Just be Good Enough to Get to Heaven?

Philippians 3:1-11

Introduction: Romans 3:10 & Romans 3:23

I. Because God's Minimum Standard for Acceptance is Perfection – v1-6

- A. Who could have been saved by being good if that were possible?
- B. Paul had the right B_____ - v5.

What's wrong with the following statements?

1. "I'm a Christian. I was born in America wasn't I"?
2. "I came from a Christian family, so I guess I'm a Christian – right"?
3. "Dad was an elder in the church & mom sang in the choir. So, I guess, I'm alright."
4. "I was baptized as an infant & have been raised in the church ever since." (Genesis 17:12)

- C. Paul had the right A_____ - v5-6.

What's wrong with the following statements?

1. "But I'm one of the most active members of my church!" (Acts 21:40)

2. "But mom sat us on her knee & taught us the Bible every night & I won a perfect attendance pin in Sunday School!" (Acts 5:34; 22:3 & Matthew 7:26)
3. "But I'm real zealous for my church!"
4. "But I'm a good moral person; certainly not as bad as some of those hypocrites in the church!"

II. Because a Personal Relationship with Jesus is the Only Way to Heaven – v7-11

- A. Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth & the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." – John 14:6
- B. Paul considered all his achievements & A_____ in the flesh of no consequence. – v7; Isaiah 64:6 & Titus 3:5.
- C. Paul L_____ E_____, but considered it of no consequence compared with his experience with the Lord. – v8.
- D. Your greatest desire needs to be "to be F___ in Him – v9 & Romans 12:2.
- E. Paul's first priority in life needs to be your first priority! – v10-11.

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