

How Good Is Good Enough? How Bad Is Too Bad?



Many people, while admitting they have sinned, think that they are still *good enough* to go to Heaven on their own merits.

Others think they have sinned so much that they are *too bad* to go to Heaven.

How good is good enough?

Just how good does a person have to be to earn eternal life? According to God's standard (the only standard that really counts) a person would have to live an absolutely perfect life to earn eternal life. Not one lie; not one bad thought; not one disrespectful word to their parents, etc. **Perfect.**

Do you think you have fulfilled and maintained this strict standard? Romans 3:19 says, "...what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." You see we have all broken God's law and the whole world stands guilty before God! **No one can argue that they have lived a perfect life. No one ... not you, not me, no one.**

We don't like to think about it, but it's true ...we all have sinned – broken God's law (Romans 3:10, 23). **We have ALL offended a holy God**, who will by no means pass by sin.

How bad is too bad?

Maybe you think you have sinned so much that there is no forgiveness for you. God is Holy, **but He loves to forgive.** God loves you and is not willing that any should perish. He showed his love toward us in that "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

To those who turn from their sin and receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, He assures us, **"I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more"** (Jeremiah 31:34). We do not have to go to that place of torment which the Lord Jesus calls hell.

So, none are without sin, but none are without hope, either. The Lord wants "all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4). A sinner in Bible times asked the question "What do I have to do to be saved?" The answer was simple, yet profound, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31).

On the cross of Calvary, Jesus Christ was satisfying the just demands of God's law against sinners - He was made sin that we might, through him, be made righteous. In order for God to no longer see us as guilty hell-deserving sinners, and fit us for heaven, we each need by faith to personally accept that Christ died in our place. **God's redeeming love for sinners is found only in Christ**, and the sinner is out of Christ.

Put your trust in the finished work (death, burial, and resurrection) of the Lord Jesus Christ, and God will save you by faith in His Son and give you the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable you to live for Him and know Him as your Lord "...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Be done with your pride and bow your knee to the Lord Jesus. **Only when a sinner turns from his sin and bows to Jesus as Lord and Saviour, can he have eternal life.**

No matter how good you think you are or how bad you think you are, the Lord saves all those who come to Him in faith. The Lord Jesus says "him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

Reject Him no longer. Eternity in Hell is a long time to remember that you rejected Christ.

**NO ONE IS SO GOOD THAT THEY DON'T NEED TO BE SAVED.
NO ONE IS SO BAD THAT THEY CAN'T BE SAVED.**

**"The Scripture hath concluded all under sin,
that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ
might be given to them that believe."**

Galatians 3:22