



DO vs DONE!

Why Good People Don't Go to Heaven • Part 2

Lesson 21 • Romans 10:1-4

Two Observations about Going to Heaven

Observation #1 **Not everyone** is going to heaven.

"Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." ~Jesus, Matthew 7:13-14

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" ~Jesus, Matthew 7:21-23

Observation #2 **Most people believe that good people** go to heaven.

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"

And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only One who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." Matthew 19:16-17

Five Reasons Why Good People Won't Go to Heaven

#1 **BEING RELIGIOUS** is not good enough. (10:1)

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

#2 **BEING ZEALOUS** is not good enough. (10:2-3a)

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God...

#3 **Doing GOOD** is not good enough. (10:3)

For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Why Is Doing Good Not Good Enough?

- You **NEVER KNOW** if you have done enough.

- You can **NEVER DO** enough. *Romans 3:10-12, 23; Isaiah 64:6*

- You will **NEVER SUBMIT** to God's way of making people right with Him and others. *Romans 10:3*

- You will **ALWAYS GET** what you deserve and worked so hard for. *Romans 10:5; 6:23*

#4 **KEEPING RULES** is not good enough. (10:4)

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

- The Law was never given in the OT, so people would keep it in order to be saved.

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Galatians 3:10-12

...if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Galatians 3:21-22

- Christ came to put an end to the Law of Moses and any law-keeping efforts to be saved.

NIV = Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

NLT = For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

Christ is the **culmination** of the law because He is its **goal, fulfillment, and ending**, in order that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

- 1) Christ **fulfilled** the Law of God **PERFECTLY**.
- 2) Christ is the **goal** that the Law always pointed to and **PICTURED**.
- 3) Christ is the **ending** of the Law in God's salvation **PLAN**.
- 4) Christ is the **culmination** of the Law in keeping with God's majestic, merciful **PURPOSE**.

#5 **ONLY CHRIST** is good enough to make you good enough to go to heaven. (10:4)

For Christ is...righteousness to everyone who believes.

Religion is spelled D-O!

DO this and DON'T DO so you MIGHT be good enough to go to heaven when you die.

Christianity is spelled D-O-N-E!

God's Son has DONE for us what we COULD NOT DO for ourselves to be good enough in God's eyes!

Christ Is the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God for Everyone Who Believes

- Because Christ **fulfilled the Law** perfectly, **He is GOD'S STANDARD of righteousness!**

And because of [God] you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

- Because Christ is **the goal that the Law** pictured, **He is GOD'S SAVING ACTION to make us right!**

*For our sake [God] made [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2Corinthians 5:21
I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. Galatians 2:21*

- Because Christ is **the end of the Law** in God's salvation plan, **the STANDING OF BEING RIGHT with God is given in Him as a free gift by faith!**

and be found in [Christ], not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— Philippians 3:9

- Because Christ is **the culmination of the Law** in God's majestic, merciful missional purpose, **He is GOD'S SAVIOR for all peoples.**

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Galatians 3:21-22

Christ is righteousness **"to everyone..."**

Christ is righteousness to everyone **"who believes!"**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17