

*"In spite of all their differences and peculiarities, the religions of this world share one common denominator: How you live your life on this side of the grave determines what happens next."*  
– **Andy Stanley, "How Good is Good Enough?"**

**(I) MAIN QUESTION:**

"Is being good, \_\_\_\_\_ (1) to get you into Heaven?"

(A) A Common Answer:

(1) A lot of people believe that if they live a good life . . . that maybe they might find their way to \_\_\_\_\_ (2).

(a) Problem with this thinking: We all face the reality in life of \_\_\_\_\_ (3).  
As humans beings we are \_\_\_\_\_ (4) creatures. We are \_\_\_\_\_ (5) beings. The reality is this, we cannot do \_\_\_\_\_ (6).

(b) It's a reality of life. We cannot do everything on our \_\_\_\_\_ (7).

(2) When We Believe We Can Do Everything

(a) We try . . . to do everything on our \_\_\_\_\_ (8)..

(b) The inevitable: We are quickly brought to our \_\_\_\_\_ (9) in \_\_\_\_\_ (10).

B. The Christian Answer:

(1) Just as we cannot humanly \_\_\_\_\_ (11) all the things of life on our \_\_\_\_\_ (12), we likewise are unable to \_\_\_\_\_ (13) our way into Heaven.

(a) There are not enough \_\_\_\_\_ (14) in the day to work our way into Heaven.

(b) There are not enough \_\_\_\_\_ (15) to buy our way into Heaven.

(c) Given ten thousand \_\_\_\_\_ (16), there is no possible way that anyone could (d) ever do enough \_\_\_\_\_ (17) or gain enough credit on this Earth to gain entrance into the presence of God.

(e) Any effort to do so will bring you to your knees in \_\_\_\_\_ (18).

## (II) THE QUESTION THAT'S LEFT:

"Can we ever really get to Heaven?"

(A) The Answer: Absolutely, yes!

- (1) We must call upon the \_\_\_\_\_ (19) and only \_\_\_\_\_ (20) person who is able to do the impossible.
- (2) Only \_\_\_\_\_ (21) is able to do what we cannot. That is, only \_\_\_\_\_ (22) is able to save our sinful souls, \_\_\_\_\_ (23) us white as snow, and make \_\_\_\_\_ (24) with us and God the Father
- (3) The Bible is replete with scriptures that drill into our minds you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ (25) your way into Heaven, but \_\_\_\_\_ (26) do the work for you!
- (4) A state of \_\_\_\_\_ (27) lostness can never be remedied by human means.
  - (a) It's in our very \_\_\_\_\_ (28) to sin.
  - (b) Prior to salvation, even our greatest deeds are or our best intentions are \_\_\_\_\_ (29) in saving our souls.
  - (c) Any attempt or even any good intention we might have to work our way into Heaven is an \_\_\_\_\_ (30) to God because it attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ (31) from His well-deserved \_\_\_\_\_ (32).

## (III) RECAP

- (A) There is no \_\_\_\_\_ (33) on our part that will be able to save our souls. We are eternally lost. But fortunately, there is \_\_\_\_\_ (34).
  - (1) "For the wages of sin is death, the \_\_\_\_\_ (35) of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."
- (B) The way Jesus said you enter into [His] Kingdom:
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (36) that you are a sinner
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (37) from that sin
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (38) that Jesus, and Jesus alone, is able to save you from that sin.
  - (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (39) for him to cleanse you from all unrighteousness
  - (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (40) that you can't do any of this in [your] own efforts, but rather [you] need God, and God alone, to apply His perfect work - the work that He did on the cross . . . to save our souls.
- (C) Christ knew that there was nothing that we could do to earn his \_\_\_\_\_ (41).
- (D) He knew the sins we had \_\_\_\_\_ (42). He knew the mistakes we had made. But yet he \_\_\_\_\_ (43) us anyway. And so He sent His son to

\_\_\_\_\_ (44) on the cross for your sins . . . and if we will just  
\_\_\_\_\_ (45) with our mouth, and call upon the name of the Lord, He  
will save us . . . \_\_\_\_\_ (46) us, and He will give us the promise of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (47) for eternity.

## **KEY SCRIPTURES**

*Romans 3:23*

*Isaiah 64:6*

*Ephesians 2:89*

*Romans 6:23*

*Romans 5:8;*

## **RECOMMENDED FURTHER READING**

How Good is Good Enough? – *Andy Stanley*

Mere Christianity – *C.S. Lewis*

Heaven: How to Get There – *Dwight L. Moody*

The Everlasting Man – *G.K. Chesterton*

1. Good enough
2. Heaven
3. Limitations
4. Limited
5. Finite
6. Everything
7. Own
8. Own
9. Knees
10. Exhaustion
11. Manage
12. Own
13. Work
14. Hours
15. Dollars
16. Lifetimes
17. Good deeds
18. Exhaustion
19. One
20. One
21. Jesus Christ
22. Jesus
23. Wash
24. Peace
25. Work