

# How Good is Good Enough?

## 1. Underneath religious pluralism

- Most people believe that all \_\_\_\_\_ systems are equal in that they all ultimately lead to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The belief that “all roads \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven” is driven by the idea that “good people \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven.”

## 2. Merits of the “good people go to Heaven” philosophy

- A. This is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. You will make the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ you to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Is very consistent to the idea of a \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Problems with the “good go to heaven” philosophy

- A. There is no clear standard for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by which we can check our progress.

Romans 3:23

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Romans 3:9-11

*What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. <sup>10</sup>As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup>there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.*

Romans 3:20

*Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.*

- B. I trust in my innate sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. What is the \_\_\_\_\_?

If good people go to heaven, who is good?

There is no relationship in the Bible between the law and where you will spend eternity.

D. It makes a liar out of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus didn't teach that \_\_\_\_\_ people go to heaven but that \_\_\_\_\_ people go to heaven.

If good people go to heaven, how good is good enough?

Luke 23:32-43

*Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." <sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."*

- Christianity is not about “\_\_\_\_\_” but about “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- The thief admitted his \_\_\_\_\_ and threw himself upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Savior.
- Christianity is the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ system possible in an unjust and unfair world.

## 4. Summary statements of Christianity

- A. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 10:13

*for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

- B. Everyone gets in the \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:6

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

- C. Everyone can \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:16

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*