

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. ¹⁰As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹there 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. ³³When 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. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵The 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." ³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus 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.