

Why Some Good People Don't Go To Heaven



What's Good

- Subjective
 - Cultural
 - Familial
 - Social
 - Religious



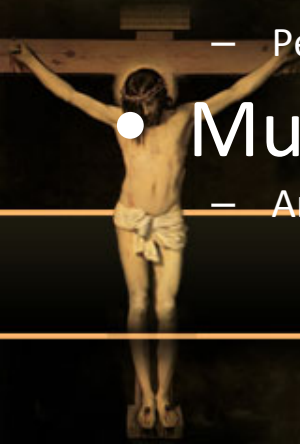
10 Commandments

- Do not worship any other gods
- Do not make any idols
- Do not misuse the name of God
- Keep the Sabbath holy
- Honour your father and mother
- Do not murder
- Do not commit adultery
- Do not steal
- Do not lie
- Do not covet



10 Commandments

- Coveting (Thoughts)
 - The grass is always greener on the other side
 - God made us a little lower than the angels but most of us are concerned to climb a little higher than the Joneses.
- False Testimony (Words)
 - The cheque's in the post!
 - Yes Doctor I take regular exercise
- Steal (Actions)
 - Tax evasion
 - Personal calls from the office
- Murder
 - Anger/Hatred



If you die today where will you go?

- Heaven based on goodness?
- Heaven based on 10 commandments?
- Heaven based on the Bible?
- Hell?

- How can we be certain of going to heaven?



Romans 10 v 5-13

- Moses wrote that anyone who insists on using the law code to live right before God soon discovers it's not so easy—every detail of life regulated by fine print! But trusting God to shape the right living in us is a different story— no precarious climb up to heaven to recruit the Messiah, no dangerous descent into hell to rescue the Messiah. So what exactly was Moses saying?

The word that saves is right here,
as near as the tongue in your mouth,
as close as the heart in your chest.

- It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. Say the welcoming word to God— "Jesus is my Master"—embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you.



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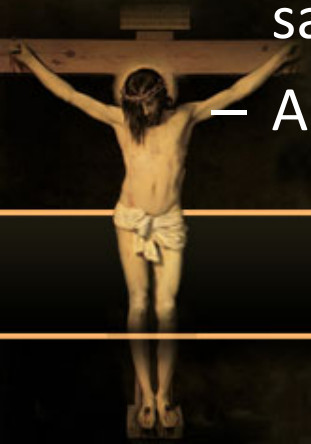
- That's salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!"
- Scripture reassures us, "No one who trusts God like this—heart and soul—will ever regret it." It's exactly the same no matter what a person's religious background may be: the same God for all of us, acting the same incredibly generous way to everyone who calls out for help. "Everyone who calls, 'Help, God!' gets help."



Salvation?

- Only the perfect (100% so) go to heaven.
 - Oops bad news

- I have good news
 - Jesus lived a perfect life and took our punishment
 - Are you willing to turn away from wrong in your life and say sorry?
 - Are you willing to surrender all to Jesus?



Make your choice

- And then?
- 2 things

- Live for Jesus
- Tell others



Passion

- Mum, dad, sister, brother, partner, friend where are they going.
- Do you have a passion for them?
- Where do you want them to spend eternity?
Torment or Heaven?



Passion

- Action- Romans 10 v14-17
- But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? That's why Scripture exclaims, A sight to take your breath away! Grand processions of people telling all the good things of God



Passion Involves Action



Mark 16 v 15

- Then he said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all. Whoever believes and is baptized is saved; whoever refuses to believe is damned.



Our job

- Is not
 - Condemn
 - Ram down people's throats
 - Bully
 - Scare
 - To take responsibility for results
- Is
 - Make relationship
 - Prepare ground
 - Plough
 - Sow
 - Be sensitive
 - Announce

