

PERSONAL EVANGELISM #9 - DEALING WITH "GOOD" PEOPLE

PHILIPPIANS 3:3-11

Many believe they have no need for Salvation because they consider themselves GOOD. Some truly ARE good people by Man's standards, but God measures by the righteousness of Jesus.

I. "I'M NO WORSE THAN ANYONE ELSE"

- A. Sadly, this statement is absolutely TRUE!
- B. THE PROBLEM IS that we are no better either
 - 1. The only passing grade is perfection
 - 2. Required by LAW - GAL. 3:10 / JAMES 2:10
- C. Is anyone good enough to work their way to Heaven?
 - 1. The Bible is clear: NO! All have sinned.
 - 2. Our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.

II. "GOD IS TOO GOOD TO SEND ANYONE TO HELL"

- A. OPPOSITE: God is too HOLY not to send sinners to Hell.
 - 1. It's amazing God doesn't send EVERYONE to Hell!
 - 2. Sin is already judged JOHN 3:18
 - 3. Everlasting destruction promised 2 THESS. 1:5-10
- B. Misunderstanding God's judgment is dangerous ROM.2:4-5

III. "I'M TRYING TO BE A GOOD CHRISTIAN"

- A. Salvation is what Jesus has DONE / Not what WE do
 - 1. He finished the work on the Cross JOHN 19:30
 - 2. Nothing can be added to it or taken away!
- B. You have set yourself an impossible task GAL. 3:24-25
- C. Isn't Law OT? NOT if you're trying to work! MATT 5:18

IV. "I THINK I AM SAVED"

- A. Feelings are liars! (The heart is deceitful) JOHN 3:36
- B. Either are or aren't! Are you married? 1 JOHN 5:13

V. "I BELONG TO A CHURCH"

- A. Church is important (protected, obedience, service)
- B. Baptism makes members but cannot save 1 PET. 3:21
- C. Church membership cannot save! Titus 1:16 / JOHN 3:3

CONCLUSION: Jesus said, "There is none GOOD but one, that is God." Christians should be good - but ye must be born again!