

PLAYING BY THE RULES
Heaven, Really? – Part 3

ON TV: Good people go to heaven and I'm a good person.

ON TV: Fair

ON TV: God is good.

ON TV: We make the cut.

ON TV: "Good" is a moving target.

ON TV: How good is good enough to earn a place in heaven?

ON TV: God isn't good.

ON TV: If only good people go to heaven, then Jesus was mistaken.

ON TV: Have you ever mistreated another person?

ON TV: We can't be right with God if we're mistreating someone God loves.

ON TV: Forgiven people go to heaven.

ON TV: If rule keeping won't get us into heaven, then why all the rules?

ON TV: The 10 Commandments.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "2a "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great... 3b ...and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2a, 3b

ON TV: Because He wanted to.

ON TV: When it comes to God, relationship always precedes the rules.

ON TV: It wasn't a condition. It was a confirmation that they were in the family.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "2 I am the Lord, your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:2-3

ON TV/OUTLINE: "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." Exodus 20:4

ON TV: To God, every human being is valuable and has dignity.

ON TV: Why did God give them such a detailed law?

ON TV: When it comes to God, relationship always precedes the rules.

ON TV: If you give up my law, you give up your freedom.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "19b ...Do this in remembrance of me. 20b This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." Luke 22:19b, 20b

ON TV/OUTLINE: "...Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29b

ON TV/OUTLINE: “8 But God *demonstrates* his own love for us in this: While we were *still sinners*, Christ died for us. 10 For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him *through the death of his Son*, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be *saved through his life!*” Romans 5:8, 10

ON TV: We *don’t “good”* or behave or way in.

ON TV: We *can’t “bad”* or misbehave our way out.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “...You must *be born again.*” John 3:7b

ON TV: God was not attempting to make bad people good. **God was keeping free people free.**

ON TV/OUTLINE: “11 Make it your *ambition* to lead a *quiet life*, to *mind your own business* and to work with your own hands, just as we told you, 12 so that *your daily life may win the respect of outsiders...*”
1 Thessalonians 4:11-12a

ON TV: While the rules don’t apply to you, **God’s love definitely applies to you.**

ON TV/OUTLINE: “For God *did not* send his Son into the world *to condemn* the world but *to save* the world through him.” John 3:17