JUST PLAY FAIR! Heaven, Really? – Part 2

ON TV: Most people **believe** there's a heaven.

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

ON TV: Fair

ON TV: Good people should be **rewarded** for being good.

ON TV: God is good.

ON TV: We make the cut.

ON TV: "Good" is a moving target.

ON TV: There's **no universally agreed upon standard** of good that's been divinely revealed to all of us.

ON TV/**OUTLINE**: "10 There is *no one* righteous, not even one." Romans 3:10

ON TV/OUTLINE: "Therefore, *no one* will be declared righteous in *God's sight* by obeying the law..." *Romans 3:20a*

ON TV/**OUTLINE**: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

ON TV: How good is good enough to secure my place in heaven?

ON TV: God **isn't** good.

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

ON TV: Jesus **did not teach** that good people go to heaven.

ON TV: Jesus consistently **rejected the religious idea** that a person could be in good standing with God while mistreating people that God loves.

ON TV: Have you ever mistreated another person?

ON TV: When we sin against someone that God loves, we sin against God.

ON TV: Have you ever mistreated another person?

ON TV: It seems like **too high of a standard** when it come to **my behavior toward you**. But it sounds about **right** when it comes to **others' behavior toward me**.

ON TV: That what's **best** for him and what's **best** for her, **is demonstrated best by me** in how I treat them in the way **Jesus loves**; **unconditionally**.

ON TV: What does love for that person require of me?

ON TV: Gospel means, "Good News"

ON TV/OUTLINE: "3b ...a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6b...as for legalistic righteousness, *faultless*." Philippians 3:5b, 6b

ON TV/**OUTLINE**: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

ON TV/**OUTLINE**: "...I am the chief among sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15b

ON TV/OUTLINE: "20b ... We beg you, on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:20b-21

ON TV: Forgiven People

ON TV/OUTLINE: "33a When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals...34a Jesus said, 'Father, *forgive* them...'" Luke 23:33a-34a

ON TV: Grace

ON TV: Mercy

ON TV: DONE!

ON TV/OUTLINE: "How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1a

ON TV/OUTLINE: "1b ...I want to remind you of the **Gospel** that I preached to you...3b... that Christ died for our sins... 4a that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day...5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time... 7a Then he appeared to James..." 1 Corinthians 15:1b, 3b, 4a, 5, 6a, 7a

ON TV: "Heavenly Father, I have mistreated people you love. I've sinned. I'm not just a person who makes mistakes, I'm a sinner. I knew what I was doing. I knew that it would hurt them. I knew in the moment; I don't just need to do better. I need forgiveness. I need a savior. And today, I accept Jesus as my savior. I'm no longer trusting in my goodness. I'm trusting in your undeserved goodness to me. I accept Jesus' death as the once and for all payment for my sin... Amen."