

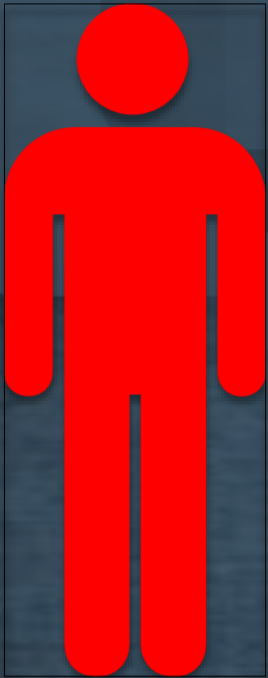
# HARD

conversations  
with GOD

Why Can a Bad Person go to Heaven & a  
Good Person to Hell for Accepting or  
Rejecting Jesus Christ?

# What People Say

## GOOD



- Works hard
- Good husband
- Good father
- Attends church

## BAD



- Does drugs
- Absent father
- Temper
- Calls churchgoers hypocrites

# What Jesus Did

## Christ Followers

- Mary Magdalene was demon possessed
- Paul, a pharisee, persecuted Christians
- Woman at well had many husbands
- Matthew, tax collector, abused his office
- Peter admitted sins
- Thief on cross

## Rejected Christ

- Rich young ruler was good person but walked away
- Pharisees were religious leaders who crucified Christ
- Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, rejected Jesus

Truth: Salvation means you are made right with God when you confess your sin, believe in Christ as Savior and Lord of your life, and live your life for Christ as evidence of salvation.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." ~ *Luke 23:39-43 ESV*

<sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,

<sup>12</sup> saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last." ~ *Matthew 20:8-16 ESV*

# Bad News

- Our sin nature keeps EVERYONE from God and deserves God's judgment of eternal separation from Him in hell
- NO ONE can do enough good works to make anyone right with God.
- Those who reject Christ's offer of salvation will suffer God's wrath



# Good News

- Christ's offer of salvation by faith is not tied to the age when you receive Christ, or what you have or have not done in life
- In God's eyes, you are declared righteous through Christ and your sins are forgiven.
- God sends the Holy Spirit to live in you. Living for Christ is evidence you belong to Him.

# BOTTOM LINE

You can do something about your relationship with God by accepting what He has done for you through Christ and believe He died for you and will forgive your sin. When you are right with God, you have the privilege of living for Him.