

GOOD PEOPLE GO TO HEAVEN | BAD PEOPLE GO TO THE OTHER PLACE

The Bible Doesn't Say That: Part 2

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¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, WHAT MUST I DO to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good.” ¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰ “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” ²⁴ This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

²⁶ The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.

²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”

(Mark 10:17–27 NLT)

WHAT HE DID RIGHT / WRONG

1. He asked the right person but for the wrong REASON.

“As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher...” (Mark 10:17, NLT)

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good.” (Mark 10:18, NLT)

2. He asked the right question but with the wrong ASSUMPTION.

“...what must I DO to inherit eternal life?” (Mark 10:17, NLT)

“But to answer your question, you know the commandments...” (Mark 10:19, NLT)

3. He received the right answer but chose the wrong MASTER.

“...I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was a boy.” ” (Mark 10:20, GW)

“Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”” (Mark 10:21, NLT)

“You shall have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3, NIV)

“At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.” (Mark 10:22, NLT)

Camels & Kingdoms

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HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN

“For **G**od so loved the world that He gave His **O**nly begotten **S**on, that whoever believes in Him should not **P**erish but have **E**verlasting **L**ife.” (John 3:16, NKJV)

1. REALIZE GOD’S LOVE: “God **SO LOVED** the world...”

“God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” (1 John 4:9–10, NLT)

“may you be able to feel and understand, as all God’s children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves...” (Ephesians 3:18, The Living Bible)

2. RECOGNIZE GOD’S GIFT: “He **GAVE** His only begotten Son...”

“...Out of sheer generosity [God] put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ. God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin.” (Romans 3:24–25a, MSG)

“For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God’s goodness into us!” (2 Corinthians 5:21, The Living Bible)

3. RESPOND TO GOD’S OFFER: “whoever **BELIEVES** in him...”

"In this new life one's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all." (Colossians 3:11, The Living Bible)

"But now God has shown us a different way to heaven—not by "being good enough" and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way...Now God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us "not guilty"—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like." (Romans 3:22, The Living Bible)

4. **RELY ON GOD'S PROMISE:** *"should not perish but **HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE!**"*

"What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!" (1 Peter 1:3–4, MSG)

NEXT STEPS

1ST BASE

HOST a Small Group!