

1. Believing good people go to heaven is dangerous because it rejects our fallen nature.

Romans 3:10-12 (ESV) *“as it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.’”*

Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV) *“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”*

2. Believing good people go to heaven is dangerous because Christ will be of no value to you.

Romans 3:23-25 (ESV) *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”*

Colossians 2:13-14 (ESV) *“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”*

3. What God Actually Says.

A. Jesus is the Way.

John 14:5-7 (ESV) *“Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’”*

B. You don’t get goodness; you receive righteousness.

Romans 8:3-4 (ESV) *“For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”*

C. Jesus doesn't invite good people; He invites sinners.

Matthew 9:12-13 (ESV) *"But when he heard it, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'"*

Romans 5:6 (ESV) *"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."*

Romans 5:8 (ESV) *"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Application:

1. Repent and Believe
2. Proclaim