

Part 6: Enough

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Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus didn't come to make bad people good, he came to make dead people alive.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions, it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The stairs don't lead to <u>righteousness;</u> they lead to <u>self-righteousness</u>.

How do we go from death to life?

We get <u>raised up</u> by the <u>counterweight</u> of Christ.

Small Group Questions

- In what ways do you feel like you've tried to earn God's love?
- 2) Is it difficult for you to accept that there's nothing you could ever do to make God love you less? If so, why?
- 3) What's one way you could say "enough" to our human tendency to strive?
- 4) Which of the seven words has been most helpful for you to wrestle with? Why?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?