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Why Can't I Just Save Myself?

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INTRODUCTION

The question I want us to address today is this: "Why can't I just save myself? I believe there's something inside each of us that fundamentally believes we can do this on our own. We look at life and our morality like a scale and we think at the end of our lives, if the good things we've done outweigh the bad things, then certainly, this GOOD God is going to see how GOOD we've been and let us into heaven. Logically, that thought process sounds like it should work. If we see our lives as a scale, and the good outweighs the bad, then practically speaking, our good works should tip the scale and there should be a payoff in the end. The only problem with this thought process is...it's wrong. And in this message, we're going to learn exactly why this thought process doesn't work in the Kingdom of God.

KEY POINTS

1. No one is good enough to get to heaven.

For starters, let's look at what Scripture has to say about this truth:

- No one is good. [Psalm 14:1] "There is no one who does good."
- No one is righteous. [Rom. 3:10] *"There is no one righteous, not even one."*
- Our best efforts are like filthy rags. [Isa. 64:6] "All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment."

Scripture makes it clear that even the best things we've ever done for God are like polluted pieces of trash apart from a real relationship with Jesus. You can't be generous enough to get to heaven. You can't be good enough to get to heaven. You can't even be godly enough to get to heaven. You need Jesus because you can't get to heaven on your own.

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2. We are not good, but God is good. While it's true that we are not good enough to get into heaven on our own, we can be encouraged because God is good. And because He's good we can be:	NOTES
- SAVED. [Romans 10:9] If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.	
- SATISFIED [Psalm 107:9] "For he has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things."	
- SANCTIFIED [Hebrews 10:10] "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time."	
- SET FREE [Galatians 5:1] <i>"For freedom, Christ set us free."</i>	
Your worst day with Jesus is better than any day you could ever have without him. That's because Jesus alone can save you. Jesus alone can satisfy you. Jesus alone can sanctify you, and Jesus alone can set you free!	

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. Was there a point when you believed you could earn your way into heaven? What contributed to that belief?
- 2. How has God satisfied you in ways the world cannot?
- 3. What is one example of how God has done a sanctifying work in your life lately?

