

“Good Guys” Go to Heaven

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I. The fallacies in the title

A. There are not any “good guys”

Rom 3:12 ...there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Psa 14:2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.

Psa 14:3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Ecc 7:20 For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Isa 64:6 ...all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags...

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar...

Jas 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

B. God’s plan of salvation is not based on the idea that God saves the “good guys”

Eph 2:9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

Rom 3:20 **...by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight...**

Tit 3:5 **Not by works of righteousness** which we have done...

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, **not according to our works...**

Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, **not of works**, but of him that calleth;)

C. If there are any so-called “good guys”—God has put His goodness in them

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Psa 65:4 Blessed *is the man* whom thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee*...

Act 13:48 ...as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep...

Psa 110:3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power...

Php 2:12 ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight...

1Jn 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit...

II. My conversation with my wife after preaching a recent funeral

I said, "Maybe I should have explained how we get to heaven."

"Everybody who knew him knew he was a 'good guy'."

"Yet he drank a few beers. He sometimes played cards. He wasn't much on church."

"I wonder if people might have been wondering about whether he is in heaven."

"Maybe I should have told them about God's plan of salvation."

"Yet maybe they were not in a state of mind to hear such details at a funeral."

"Maybe they just figure he got there on the 'good guy' plan."

Christy said, "That's how we know if anybody gets there."

Her words were profound truth—yet little known truth these days.

She did not say that his being a "good guy" is how he got there.

She said his being a "good guy" is how we know he got there.

Nobody does good works good enough to get to heaven by good works

Yet you can know the ones who are going to heaven by the good works they do

III. How we get to heaven

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight...

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...

2Ti 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me...

Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Rom 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

IV. How do you know if you are going to heaven?

A. Do you believe?

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life...

Joh 3:3 ...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Eph 1:19 ...the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

B. Do you have the Holy Spirit in you?

1Jn 3:24 ...hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

C. Have you come to Christ? If so, He came to you first and you will go to Him last

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

D. Do you love?

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

1Jn 4:7 ...love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

E. Do you do the “good guy” thing?

1Jn 2:29 ...ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.