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Problems with the Belief That Good People Go to Heaven

1. There Is No Clear _____ by Which You Can Measure Progress.

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

"There is no one righteous, not even one..." (Romans 3:10)

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. (Romans 3:20)

2. Nobody Knows What Is _____.

"...there is no one who does good, not even one." (Romans 3:12)

3. It Makes Jesus a _____.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

"...he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." (Luke 10:16)

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

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Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Romans 3:20.
- Why is the Gospel better than the "good-people-go-to-heaven" system?
- For what do you need God's forgiveness?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *How Good is Good Enough?* by Andy Stanley.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.

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