



# When We All Get to Heaven

## SERMON NOTES

Week 2 November 17, 2024

**“Defining ‘Good’”**

*Romans 3:10, 23; 2 Corinthians 5:20–21;*

*Matthew 5:21-22; Luke 23:33–34; 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3–7*

### I. Review

- A. Most Americans (71%) believe in \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. There are two assumptions that fuel the \_\_\_\_\_ that most Americans have regarding heaven:
  - 1. Good people go to heaven.
  - 2. I’m a good person.
- C. There are a few things that undermine this whole idea that “\_\_\_\_\_ people go to heaven and I am a good person”:
  - 1. “Good” is a moving target.
  - 2. If the Bible is the standard for being good, we don’t make the cut.
  - 3. How good is good enough?
  - 4. If only good people go to heaven, then Jesus was mistaken and misleading.

### II. Bad News

- A. Jesus raised the standard of ‘good enough’ so high that \_\_\_\_\_ fell short.
- B. Jesus consistently rejected the religious notion that a person could be in good standing with \_\_\_\_\_ while mistreating people God loves.
- C. When you \_\_\_\_\_ against someone that God loves, you sin against God.
- D. By Jesus' definition, we've all sinned and we all know it. That is the \_\_\_\_\_ news.

### III. Good News

- A. Good people don’t go to heaven, \_\_\_\_\_ people go to heaven.
- B. The bad news is you are a sinner and you are separated from God. The good news is that Jesus came and \_\_\_\_\_ for your sin.
- C. Jesus invites us to transfer our \_\_\_\_\_ from our effort to his sacrificial death for our sin.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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## INTRODUCTION

The belief that “Good people go to heaven” sounds nice on the surface. But it doesn’t make sense. When Jesus came to this earth, he raised the standard of ‘good enough’ so high that everyone fell short. One thing that puts everyone on an even playing field in life is that Jesus said when you sin against someone that God loves, you sin against God. Since all of us have mistreated other people in our lives, this makes us all sinners separated from God.

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### Monday: Revelation 19:5-9, 21:1-6

Every day natural disasters, illnesses, some large or small part of the economy going south, or the world scene getting more chaotic can make it feel as though the news is trying to snuff out hope. In whom do you place your confidence that “the worst thing is never the last thing”? Do you trust that Jesus meant it when he promised to prepare a place for us so that we can be with him forever (cf. John 14:1-3)? Can you live in hope that, in the end, God will win?

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### Tuesday: Matthew 25:41-46

In our culture, many people dismiss the idea of hell. However, Jesus spoke of it often. If you divide the teachings of Jesus into various subjects, about 13% of Jesus’ teachings and half of his parables are about hell, judgment, punishment, and the wrath of God. This is one of those passages. What are some reasons you or others struggle to believe Hell exists?

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### Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 5:10

This verse is talking about the Judgement Seat of Christ. It’s very important to understand that the Judgment Seat of Christ is not a judgment for your sins. This is a judgment for those who are followers of Christ, your sins were judged and forgiven by Jesus. This is a place what you did on earth is rewarded in heaven. What are some things you’d love to be known for when you meet Jesus in Heaven?

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### Thursday: 1 Peter 1:17

In this passage, Peter is reminding us that this world is not our home. We are just passing through. This is just a short period of time in the eternal scheme of things. How do you already live like eternity matters? Are there any ways you’re living like it doesn’t?

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### Friday: Romans 3:10, 23

What stands out to you about those two verses? Growing up, were you taught that good people are the ones who go to heaven? Are there any good people in the world? How can that be true in light of those passages?

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## MOVING FORWARD

By Jesus’ definition, we’ve all sinned and we all know it. That is the bad news. The good news is that Jesus came and paid for our sin. Jesus said good people don’t go to heaven, he said *forgiven people* go to heaven. Jesus invites us to transfer our trust from our effort to his sacrificial death for our sin.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) heaven, B) confidence, C) good. IIA) everybody, B) God, IIC) sin, D) bad. IIIA) forgiven, B) paid, C) trust.*