

Understanding the “Good” in Good Friday

Matthew 4:17 *From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”*

Romans 3:10 *As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous— not even one.”*

James 2:10 *For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.*

3 primary beliefs about how we get right with God

Belief #1: All up to me: I will do all I need to do to become righteous.

Belief #2: Some of it is up to me: I do my part, God does His.

Question: *How certain are you that if you died today you would go to heaven?*

Question: *If you did die today and were standing in front of God and He said, “Why should I let you into my heaven?” how would you answer Him?*

Belief #3: I admit I’m a sinner, realize I’m powerless to make myself right with God, and I ask God to save me

1 Peter 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness.*

Romans 5:21 *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

And it is 100% through faith:

Acts 16:31 *Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved*

Romans 3:28 *So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.*

Romans 4:5 *But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.*

Romans 5:1 *Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.*

Galatians 2:16 *Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”*

Philippians 3:9 *I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.*

Romans 1:16 *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...for in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.*

Romans 10:4 *For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.*

Romans 10:9 *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

John 1:12 *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—*

John 3:16 *For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*

What part do my good works play in my salvation?

Isaiah 64:6 *We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

Romans 11:6 *And since it is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.*

Titus 3:4-5 *When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 1:5 *...to the obedience that comes from faith.*

Titus 2:14 *...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

1 John 2:3-4 *"And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says, 'I know him' but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him."*

Romans 16:26 *...so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith.*

Ephesians 1:13 *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,*

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 3:7 Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom^[a] and forgave our sins.

Ephesians 1:7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

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