



Good Enough? Luke 23:32-43

Two assumptions about getting to heaven:

1. Good people go to heaven.
2. I'm a good person.

Advantages to this way of thinking:

1. It's "fair."
2. Everybody makes the cut, because you're a good person.
3. It supports the notion of a good God.
4. The fear of not going to heaven motivates people to be good.

Problems with this way of thinking:

1. There is no standard for "good."

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

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23, NIV)

2. We don't know what % of our actions have to be good.
3. At what age do our deeds start counting?
4. We don't know if thoughts and motives count against us.



Good Enough? Luke 23:32-43

Problems with this way of thinking:

4. We don't know how much time we have to be good.
5. You could miss heaven by one good deed.
6. It means that God is not good.

The Truth:

1. According to Jesus, good people don't go to heaven. Forgiven people go to heaven.

Everybody is welcome

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
(Romans 10:13, NIV)

Everybody gets in the same way

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

Everybody can meet the requirement

For God so loved the world that he gave
his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.
(John 3:16, NIV)