

9/3/17 | Set Free: From Being Good Enough



"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." —Galatians 3:27 | NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever watched a child try to do something impossible? What were they trying to achieve? Did that child ever give up? Why?
2. Have you ever felt weighed down by an impossible task? Has your relationship with Jesus ever felt impossible? Why does He claim that His burden is light (Matt 11:30)? Are we just not trying hard enough?
3. Consider this quote. Have you ever felt that way? Did you ever succeed in being good enough? Does this mean it is better not to try?

"No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good." —CS Lewis

Falling Short

4. Read Romans 3:9-12, 23. What do these verses tell us about mankind? How many people have earned their way into heaven? How many good works does it take to buy your way into God's favor?
5. Read Romans 3:27-28, 4:2 and Ephesians 2:8-9. How many good deeds does it take before you can boast before God? At what point are you good enough?
6. Read Ephesians 2:1-3, which describes the state of sinful man. Does this describe who you were? Does it describe who you are? Romans 5:10 says we were God's enemies. Could God's enemies ever be good enough for God? Can we ever be good enough?

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7. Before you feel too guilty, read 1 John 2:1-2. What happens to our sin? What is the significance of these verses being in the present tense?
8. 2 Corinthians 5:17 is quoted so often that it loses power. Ponder this verse for a full 60 seconds. Go. What did you observe? Now read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. Slowly.

What is reconciliation? What is the ministry of reconciliation?
What is the message of reconciliation? Read verse 20 slowly.

What does it mean to be ambassadors? What does it mean to be Christ's ambassadors? Read verse 21 slowly.

Read verse 21 again. Whose righteousness is this? What did the verse say that we do to earn it?

What did you notice in these verses? What does this have to do with us trying to be good enough for God?

9. Read Hebrews 9:22, 10:10, and 10:14. What takes away our sin? Who makes us clean? What did Jesus do for us? What did we do for Him?
10. Why do we feel like we must be good enough for God? Why do we feel like we are letting him down if we are not earning our salvation? What truths do we need to remember instead?

TAKE AWAY: Pray every morning this week: "God, fill me with Your Holy Spirit today."