

THE BAD NEWS OF BEING GOOD ENOUGH

Easter Sunday // April 4, 2021

HOW GOOD?

Being a good person in order to go to heaven seems, in some ways, to make perfect sense, but yet this is actually the worst news. Imagine a salesman tells you he has a “very affordable service” to offer you. What’s your first question? “how ‘affordable’ is ‘affordable’?” When we think of making the cut to enter into heaven, we ought to ask “how good is good enough?”

Romans 3.12, 23 // Isaiah 59.2 // Luke 18.19

THE GOOD NEWS

Though it is true that we have all fallen short of the standard that is expected, we don’t live without hope. God, who is rich in mercy and willing to forgive even those who have turned their backs on Him their whole lives, chose to come up with a plan to rescue people from that hopeless reality that had no solution.

John 12.44-50, 3.16-19 // Romans 6.23

HOPE FOR YOU

You and I have been given something to put our hope in. But you should not have a false hope! Don’t think you have fooled Him to look past your sin by doing some good deeds here and there. You and I have nothing to offer God! Our sin must be dealt with, and either you and I can try to somehow eradicate our sin, or we can put our trust and faith in His Son, Jesus, believing that He took on our sin and died in our place. God’s Word is clear: there is no such thing as being “on the fence,” you must be born again (John 3.3).

Whoever comes to me, I will never cast out.

John 6.37

Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life.**

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, Do you believe this?”

John 11:25

**How do we go to Him, and receive the forgiveness
and eternal life He offers?**

The Gospel “ABC’s”

Admit you have sinned against God.

Believe that you can do nothing to earn forgiveness and salvation.

Confess and believe Jesus was sent for you, and He alone can save you.

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Romans 6.23** and **Luke 18.19**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Jesus paid every last little bit of what we owed to God the Father. He leaves nothing else for you and I to do. Read **John 6.37**. How does this truth keep you from getting stuck in the routine of trying to earn His love or earn your way to heaven and into God's acceptance?

Your Life Mission

Jesus has been raised so that we, too, would be raised! And He raises us and sends us into this world to give this hope of Good News. Which relationships would you like prayer for as you go and hope to be the aroma of life to?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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