

How Good is Good Enough?



From 1 to 10,
How Good
Would You Rate Yourself?

(Circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

So How Did You Do?

Do you think your score is good enough to get into heaven when you die? How good do you think you really have to be? The way to find out is to ask yourself if you have obeyed the Ten Commandments. Most would answer the question, "Well, I've broken one or two, but nothing too serious, like murder." Go through some of them and see how you do: Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever stolen anything? Have you ever hated anyone? Have you ever disobeyed your parents? Am I Good Enough?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, you have failed to meet God's standard; you have broken His Law. By the way, this is only half of the test; there are still 5 other questions that can be found in Exodus 20. Perhaps you're thinking that God is good and will therefore overlook your crimes. But if you were guilty of crimes in a civil court and said to the judge, "Judge, I am guilty but I believe that you are a good man and will therefore overlook my crimes," the judge would probably respond by saying, "You are right about one thing; I am a good man and it's because of my goodness that I am going to see that justice is done - that you are punished for your crimes." The very thing that many people believe will save them on judgment day - God's goodness - is the very thing that condemns them to spend eternity separated from Him in hell. (Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4) Our tendency is to think that we can do enough "good things" to offset this punishment or please God into letting us into heaven. We often compare ourselves to others, thinking that as long as I am better than they are, then I should be ok. *But do you really think a judge should let a murderer go just because he says he will now live a "good" life or behave better than his neighbor? No, he's in debt to justice and therefore must be punished.*

But There's Good News!

The great news is that God loves us so much that He did what we could not do for ourselves. He paid our debt and took our punishment. God sent His son, Jesus Christ, who willingly died on a cross so we can have a personal relationship with God. Putting your faith in Jesus Christ (Yeshua, The Messiah, The Anointed One) gives you the promise of eternal life, making you part of God's family forever, and free access to God through prayer. (John 3:16; Psalm 2:12) This is a free gift, but like any gift that someone would offer you, you have to receive it in order for it to be yours. This gift comes only from Jesus Christ, the Messiah. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6; Isaiah 53:10-12)

And a Wonderful Gift for You!

To receive this free gift you need to humbly ask Jesus to be your forgiver and leader of your life. The Bible tells us that once we receive and believe in Jesus we are then part of His family. If you have received His gift and are not involved in a local church, we would invite you to be part of His family here at Christian Family Chapel. If you are still investigating the claims of Jesus and the Bible, we invite you to explore with us. Ask all the questions you want. It is our joy and privilege to be a part of your spiritual journey.

Have Questions?

If you have questions about starting a relationship with Christ, contact us at info@cfcjax.com