DYING to LIVE

WEEK 3

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Good people go to heaven.

This is the way it works in:

Our Home

At Christmas

At school

In ECA's

Our work life

No amount of personal goodness can <u>earn</u> you God's favor.

"No one is righteous-not even one." Romans 3:10

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply **shows** us how sinful we are. *Romans* 3:20

For everyone has sinned; we all **fall short** of God's glorious standard. *Romans 3:23*

You have to be <u>perfect</u> to go to heaven.

For the person who keeps all of the laws except **one** is as guilty as a person who has broken **all** of God's laws. *James* 2:10

For the wages of sin is **death**... Romans 6:23

When we were **utterly helpless**, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. *Romans* 5:6

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he **took upon himself** the curse for our wrongdoing. *Galatians* 3:13

Christ's death on the cross was not enough

So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first." *Matthew 27:64*

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the

spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they **didn't find the body** of the Lord Jesus. *Luke* 24:1-3

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are **still guilty** of your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17

Christ	died	and	rose	again	so	that y	ou/	could	be	made	right	eous
by	faith											

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the **righteousness** of God. *2 Corinthians* 5:21

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

God showed how much he **loved** us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have **eternal life** through him. 1 John 4:9

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Luke 7:36 - 8:3	MONDAY Luke 8:4-21	TUESDAY Luke 8:22-39
this week	march 27	march 28	march 29
WEDNESDAY Luke 8:40 - 9:6	THURSDAY Luke 9:7-27	FRIDAY Luke 9:28-50	SATURDAY Luke 9:51 - 10:12
march 30	march 31	april 1	april 2
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE	2 Corinthians 5:21		

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For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

Introduction

The spiritual life is full of paradoxes. One of the biggest is the commonly held belief concerning how a person gets into Heaven. Many people believe that we can get to Heaven by simply being a good person. But how "good" is "good enough?" Scripture tells us the standard for getting into Heaven is perfection. But who can live up to that standard? Only one (Jesus) – and we should be able to explain how we discovered this truth and help others discover the same reality.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Read Proverbs 16:25. A recent study shows 58% of Americans describe themselves as "moderately to non-religious." That same study shows 80% of Americans believe in heaven or some sort of afterlife. What do you think this study reveals about the basis or standard most people are hoping for? Why has this belief become so common?
- 2. If good people go to heaven, then we need a clear and consistent definition for what is good. We need a list or set of rules that reflect the standard. Can you think of a list or set of rules designed to reflect God's standards? If so, can you name at least three of those rules/standards? How many of those standards would you say you have broken in your lifetime? Read James 2:10.

Small Group Questions Continued

3. Read Romans 3:20. Based on this passage, why were the Ten Commandments given to Moses? What is the benefit of knowing just how sinful you actually are?

Read Romans 3:21-28. How does this passage contrast the belief that good people go to heaven?

- 4. Read 1 Peter 3:15. Scripture challenges us to be prepared to give an answer for the reason we belong to Christ. Based on what's been revealed in the scripture, your group discussion, and this weekend's talk use the space below to write out your thoughts on the following questions.
- If you died today, and God asked, "Why should I let you into heaven," what would you say?
- Why isn't being "good" good enough?

How will gathering your thoughts on these two questions help you lead others to the truth? What difference will this truth make in your life this week?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this up	coming week.
My action steps are	
I'm accountable for	, and their action steps are
My memory verse is	
This coming week, I'm praying for:	