

appnotes

DAY 1 READ ROMANS 3:9-20

1

Where do we get that silly idea that being good gets us a ticket to Heaven? Do we really think that our good works can give us right standing with God? Read verses 10-18 of today's Bible passage, and think again! We are not a pretty sight; we are all in the same sinking boat. God says, "There is no one who does good, not even one." Our acts of kindness, church attendance, adherence to church traditions, and other "good deeds"—they are all good . . . but not good enough. Compare yourself to your neighbor and you might come out ahead. Compare yourself to Jesus and it becomes obvious: you need help! The good news is that Jesus was good enough for you. All that's left is for you to trust in Jesus for your salvation.

DAY 2 READ LUKE 14:15-24

2

Are you the kind of person who always forgets to RSVP? God has invited everyone--from the most prominent to the most impoverished. We all fall somewhere in that mass of humanity, and God has not overlooked a single one of us. "An invitation to what?" you ask. To join the High King of Heaven at His table. To enjoy His presence and His lavish blessings. To spend eternity with everyone that has RSVP'd in Heaven. You may be tempted to put off replying. Don't make that mistake. Eternal life starts now and lasts forever. God can change your life today. All you have to do is invite Him in and follow His lead. This is one dinner invite you do not want to decline! Respond today!

DAY 3 READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10

3

Are you good enough to get into Heaven? Let's be honest here. We all fall far short of perfection. We've all lived and breathed disobedience against God's ways. God could have given us what our sin deserved. But the wonder of Christmas is, He didn't! Instead, He heaped immense mercy on us by sending His only Son Jesus to pay the penalty for our sin. His gift, Jesus, provided a way for us to be forgiven and placed where He wants us - showered in His grace, awash in His love, and readied for Heaven. Left to ourselves, we would still be wallowing in the dirt of daily living. Now, as believers, we stand made and saved for whatever He wants us to do. This is the world's greatest grace story!

DAY READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

4

What's the most incredible exchange you can imagine? Donald Trump's bank account for yours? The Biltmore Estate for your home? Wouldn't that be great? But can you imagine those things ever happening . . . for free? God has an incredible exchange for you. And it IS both possible . . . and free. Here's His plan: give sinless Jesus your sin, and in exchange He will give you His righteousness. Perfection for imperfection. Right standing with God for condemnation. Beauty for ashes. Heaven for Hell. Talk to God. Make the exchange . . . He who had no sin will take your sin.

DAY READ ROMANS 10:5-17

5

Can you hear God calling you in today's scripture passage? God tells us clearly that there is only one way to get right with Him, despite what the world may say. "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Can you hear His invitation, His whisper of love, hope, and promise? "Believe in your heart and declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and you will be saved!" It's a choice that means you will never be put to shame before God. You'll never regret the decision. This is a step of faith, for faith begins with hearing God's Word. Tune in and listen with an open heart to God's invitation in Romans 10. Make the decision to believe in Jesus.

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