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**Rediscovering Biblical Christianity:
*Do good people go to heaven?***

People overestimate our own goodness.

People underestimate God's holiness.

**What does the Bible really say –
*Do good people go to heaven?***

Every person is a sinner –

Romans 3:9-18 (19-23)

James 2:10

Matthew 15:18-20

Matthew 5:27-28

Isaiah 59:2

Romans 6:23a

Revelation 20:11-15

God's standard is perfection

Matthew 5:48 (1 Peter 1:15-16)

What about religious activity or devotion?

Matthew 5:20

Romans 10:2-3

Matthew 7:22-23

What about our good deeds?

Isaiah 64:6

The way to heaven is narrow and few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ. When God puts Jesus' righteousness (or goodness) on our account, we become perfect in God's eyes, just as God's holiness requires. This is the only way anyone gets to heaven.

Questions for discussion

1. Describe someone you know who is counting on being good to get them to heaven.
2. Why do so many people assume that they are going to heaven?
3. What is so dangerous for people to think that they are going to heaven by being good?
4. How might you, after hearing this message, be able to talk to someone and share the gospel with them?
5. What are the implications of the small gate and narrow road that lead to life? What should we do about it?