

## "I'M GOOD"

It's a common expression now days. Where ever you go, if you ask a person how they're doing, what they want, or if they know Jesus, they will say "I'm Good", without giving much thought to what they are saying.

Did you know that some things that you may think are good are not good at all? Dogs love the taste of antifreeze. But they will die if they drink it. People naturally incline toward sin, because the act of sin generally feels *good* to our flesh, but the end result of that sin is eternity in Hell. So regardless of what we may say, it's NOT "*All Good*".

**Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

Regarding mankind, God's Word declares:

**Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

"Hey, wait a minute", someone might say. "What do you mean, 'there is none that doeth good'? I do a lot of good. I give money to people, I help people when they need it, and I would give someone the shirt off my own back, if I thought it would help them."

That might be true, but your concept of what "Good" is doesn't measure up to God's Standard. God's Standard is set forth in the Bible. It is called the Law.

We humans have a tendency to determine what is good and bad according to our personal preferences, circumstances and prejudices. I'll give a couple of examples: Some people may believe that Homosexuality is "good" and others may believe it is "bad". But according to the Bible, that behavior is an "abomination" to God (*Leviticus 18:22*). Some people try to differentiate between a "white lie and a blatant lie". But according to God's Standard, "*all liars*" will have their part in the Lake of fire (*Revelation 21:8*).

Regardless of how "Good" you may think you are, the Bible declares that every single one of us have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God (*Romans 3:23*). The consequences of sin is death and separation from God for all eternity. Light and darkness cannot co-exist in the same space, and neither can God and evil.

**1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we**

**have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

Genesis chapter one tells us that everything God created was "Good". When He created man, He placed him in a beautiful paradise of abundance called Eden (Gen 2:7, 8). He intended for them to be fruitful and multiply, and expand the Paradise He had placed them in. But they refused to obey God and chose instead to believe a lie in the form of a half-truth. Satan told them that God didn't want them to partake of the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, because they would become like gods themselves. The truth is they were already like God, with one exception. They didn't know what Evil was. But because they believed Satan's deception over God's Word, they forfeited all that God had given them.

**Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

You might say "That isn't fair. Why should I have to suffer for Adam and Eve's mistake?" You don't. If you could live up to God's Standards your entire life, you could spend eternity with God. But you can't. You will fail, because you aren't *GOOD* enough. Your inclination to sin against God is a genetic trait, passed down through generations because of Adam and Eve's initial

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