Are you a good person?

If someone were to ask you if you were a good person, what would you say? If you were like most people, you would probably respond by saying that that, yes, you were a relatively good person.

But let’s put that to the test.

In the Bible we read about God’s standard for good in the 10 commandments. We can take a look at them and see just how good we are. One of those commandments is “You shall not lie.” Answer honestly, “Have you ever told a lie?” Likely, you’ve told too many to count. What do you call someone who tells lies? That’s right, a liar.

Another commandment is “You shall not steal.” Have you ever stolen anything? For example, did you ever take candy from a store when you were a kid? Or have you ever downloaded a pirated song or show from the internet? Ok, then. What does that make you? That’s right, a thief.

Another one of the commandments is “You shall not commit adultery.” Now, you may never have cheated on your spouse. But Jesus says that if you’ve ever looked at a guy or girl with lust you’ve committed adultery in your heart. Recognizing that the law of God penetrates to even your thought life, what does that make you? Yep, that’s right: An adulterer at heart.

Let’s do one more. The law of God says, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.” Have you ever used God’s name as an expletive? Or maybe said “OMG” or an equivalent of it? That is called blasphemy, a very serious offense in the Bible.

So, if you are honest, you will admit that you are a lying, thieving, blaspheming, adulterer at heart. Moreover, you will recognize that if you were to stand before God he would find you guilty of having broken his commandments.

Because he is a good judge, he cannot allow sin to go unpunished. You will have to pay the penalty for those sins.

*But here’s the good news!* God has sent his Son, Jesus, into the world to pay the price for our sins. Jesus never sinned all his life. What’s more, he offered himself up as a sacrifice for sin. By his death he satisfied God’s wrath and justice. Then, three days later, Jesus rose from the dead showing his victory over sin and death.

The truth is, you cannot earn eternal life. We just are not good enough. Eternal life is God’s gift. But the good news is that God gives this gift to anyone who will humble himself and come to Jesus Christ.

Of course, the only way to receive this salvation is by turning from your life of sin to the Lord Jesus. If you do that, God promises to forgive your sin and give you a new heart with new desires. If you trust Jesus, you can be assured that the Lord will wash away all your sin and not count one of them against you.

If this is something that appeals to you, pray to the Lord right now. Ask him to forgive you and help you live the way he wants.

It is also important to get a Bible and find a good church. We would be more than happy to help you do that. You can use the contact information below to reach us. Give us a call or send us a text or email. We would love to talk to you more about God’s way to eternal life.

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*Sunday 10:30 am*