How God Sees Us

As Compared To How We See Ourselves



What is it about us humans that we just think God is going to accept us – into His heaven – on our terms… according to our idea of fairness or goodness? Practically everyone who has not been "born-again" by the grace of God has a far better opinion of themselves than God has. We tend to compare ourselves with others who we think are not as good as we are. Somehow we think that as long as we are "not that bad", as long as we have not killed anyone, we should be acceptable to God and allowed into heaven someday.

Most people will get the shock of their lives when they meet God. And when they meet Him, **it will most assuredly be on His terms**. At that time, God will judge us according to His standard of perfect righteousness, not according to our corrupt, sin-blinded view of right and wrong. And therefore many will likely hear these words:

> *"I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." [Matthew 7:23]*

God has already CLEARLY laid out the ONLY way to heaven. That way is through JESUS CHRIST alone.

> *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." [Acts 4:12]*

NONE of these things can help get us to heaven, nor contribute towards our salvation in the least bit:
good deeds
penance or other acts of contrition
works of charity
prayers
faithful church attendance
giving money to a church, mosque, synagogue, temple, etc.
being a "good" person
trying to keep the ten commandments
faithfully following all the teachings of your religion
being a faithful, loving wife, husband, or parent
serving as a leader or helper in your religion
sacrificing your life for others
dying as a war hero
saving somebody's life
working a job as a public servant (police, fireman, doctor, nurse, paramedic, lifeguard, etc.)
being a good Catholic, a good Protestant, a good Hindu, a good Muslim, a good Jew or a good whatever
How can this possibly be true? Doesn't God want us to do good things? Yes indeed, but God's standard for entrance into HIS eternal kingdom (Heaven) is

PERFECTION. And obviously NONE of us meet that standard. That is why God Himself had to provide the PERFECT sacrificial lamb – the Lord Jesus Christ – as PAYMENT for our our tremendous SIN DEBT to God for our lifetime of sin. When we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice as payment for our sins, and repent of our sins, God gives us His righteousness, as a gift of salvation, a gift we could NEVER EARN.

> *"But now **the righteousness of God** without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even **the righteousness of God** which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" [Romans 3:21-23]*

God is infinitely holy and therefore NO sin is allowed in His presence – ever – for all eternity. In order for us to dwell in heaven with a Being so morally perfect and who has such an extreme hatred for sin, our sins must be removed and to do that there is ONLY ONE WAY. **The perfect sacrifice** of the sinless Savior – Jesus Christ's death on the cross – is the ONLY ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT to God for your sins.

God could care less about what these liars may have told you: the Pope, Marian apparitions, Catholic saints, Joseph Smith, Charles Taze Russell, William Miller, Vishnu, the Dali Lama, Mohammed, Joel Osteen, Benny Hinn, Robert Tilton, Oral Roberts and so many other false teachers and false prophets. If someone does not teach that Jesus [the REAL Jesus of the Bible who is both fully God and fully man] is the only way to heaven – then Jesus calls them thieves and robbers, trying to get into the sheep pen (heaven) by avoiding the door (Jesus Christ) and looking for some other way (their own way) to get in.

> *"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." [Romans 10:3]*

Jesus referred to those people as the blind leading the blind. **God refers to our good deeds as nothing more than filthy rags** when compared to the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ.

> *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." [Isaiah 64:6]*

Just as no amount of laundry detergent is going to make those ragged clothes look any better on those "walking dead" people in the above photo, no amount of good works on our part will make ungodly "spiritually dead" sinners like you and I appear pure and holy to an infinitely holy God.

God says that hell is the only place that sinners like you and I are fit for, if we die in our sins. Crying out to God to have mercy on your wicked soul is the

only hope you possibly have for ever avoiding ETERNITY IN HELL. Those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death as the FULL payment for their sins will receive eternal life in Heaven AND the “new birth” here and now. This new birth is also called being “born again”, which is when God puts HIS SPIRIT (the Holy Spirit) in YOU, giving you a love for things you used to hate (such as a love for holiness and avoiding sinful things that you may not have even thought were sinful). And God gives you a hatred for sinful things you used to love. Those who become “born again” will THEN be looked upon by God on Judgment Day as if they possessed the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. They will also have a “new nature” that WANTS to be in a HOLY Heaven with a HOLY God for all eternity.

Are you ready to exchange YOUR filhty rags for the spotless robes of righteousness that only the Lord Jesus Christ can provide?

PS: All those “annoying” Christian preachers who tell people they are headed for hell are putting their reputations and lives on the line just to warn YOU about the fact that YOU are headed for eternal damnation if you die trusting in ANYTHING other than the Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation that HE ALONE provides by His sacrificial death on a cruel Roman cross 2,000 years ago. Do you think God is going to let you into HIS heaven, if you neglect such a costly gift, such a monumental sacrifice ON HIS PART? Not at all…

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;” [Hebrews 2:3]

And please note: If you reject this gift, you will have ALL ETERNITY to regret the day that you were born!
