



# EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

STRAIGHT ANSWERS TO ULTIMATE QUESTIONS IN A RELAXED SETTING



# HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

Week 1

## Introduction

### 1. What most people assume

*There is a good God who lives in a good place reserved for good people.*

### 2. Questions worth investigating

*It is dangerous to assume we will have a successful journey if we do not investigate the conditions for getting there. How much more is this true for our journey into eternity?*

- a. Who is God? What is He like?
- b. What does God think of me? How am I supposed to relate to Him?
- c. Who is Jesus? What has He done for us?
- d. What does God require for me to spend eternity with Him?

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## PROBLEMS WITH THE 'GOOD ENOUGH' THEORY

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### 1. What is good?

### 2. Who decides what is good?

### 3. What's the passing grade?

### 4. Is God good?

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## 5. What does the Bible say?

How do you measure up against the Ten Commandments?

1. **You shall have no other gods before me.** Is God your highest priority?
2. **You shall not make for yourself an idol.** Is anything more important to you than God?
3. **You shall not take God's name in vain.** Have you ever cursed using God's name?
4. **Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy.** Do you depend on God and rest in Him, or do you trust in yourself to provide for your needs?
5. **Honor your father and mother.** Have you ever been disrespectful to your parents?
6. **You shall not murder.** Jesus said, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer." Have you ever hated anyone?
7. **You shall not commit adultery.** Jesus said, "Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Have you ever looked at a man or woman with impure thoughts?
8. **You shall not steal.** Have you ever taken anything that didn't belong to you?
9. **You shall not lie.** Have you ever deceived anyone?
10. **You shall not covet.** Have you ever longed for position, power, or property that belonged to another?

What does the Bible say about us being good enough?

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

None is righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10).

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one (Psalm 14:3).

## 6. What does Jesus say?

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:9-14).

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## THE BIBLICAL ALTERNATIVE

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### 1. Forgiven people go to heaven

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace . . . (Ephesians 1:7).

### 2. Forgiveness is received through faith in Jesus

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him (John 3:36).

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## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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Week 1 (Preview Dinner) – *How Good Is Good Enough?*

Week 2 (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>) – *What is God Like?*

Week 3 (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>) – *What Does God Think of Me?*

Week 4 (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>) – *Who is Jesus, and What Has He Done for Us?*

Week 5 (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>) – *What Must I Do to Be Saved?*

# Christianity Explained Registration Form

1. What is your table number? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your name?

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did you hear about *Exploring Christianity*?

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4. Please check one of the boxes below as your response to tonight's invitation:

- I want to register for *Exploring Christianity* tonight. Continue to number 5 below.
- I need more time to consider registering for *Exploring Christianity* and I still may come next week when the course begins.
- Thank you, but at this time I'm not interested in attending *Exploring Christianity*.

5. Registration Information.

How many people will be in your party? \_\_\_\_\_

List names of other people whom you want in your group and we will try to serve you.

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Check the one statement which most closely describes your current spiritual status?

- I do not consider myself a Christian, but I am interested in learning more about the Christian faith.
- I think I am a Christian, but feel the desire to clarify what it means to follow Christ.
- I am deeply committed to following and living for Jesus Christ.

List the names and ages of your children that will be attending Explorer Kids at *Exploring Christianity*.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
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Please list any dietary restrictions that apply to anyone in your party: