**ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH?**

Luke 18:9-17

A common belief that many people in the world have is that good people go to heaven.

**The Merits of this Belief System**

1. It seems fair.

2. Most people believe they will be ok.

3. It provides motivation for being good.

4. It seems consistent with idea of a good God.

Luke 18:9-13

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else: **10**“Two men went up to the temple complex to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee took his stand and was praying like this: ‘God, I thank You that I’m not like other people —greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.’

**13**“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, ‘God, turn Your wrath from me—a sinner!’

**Problems with the Good Enough Theory**

**1. There is no clear standard.**

* Some say the Bible is that standard.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Romans 3:23**

There is no one righteous, not even one.

**Romans 3:10**

For no one will be justified in His sight by the works of the law,   because the knowledge of sin comes through the law.

**Romans 3:20**

* Some say that a person’s conscience is their standard.

**2. We do not know what percentage of our actions have to be good to make it.**

For whoever keeps the entire law, yet fails in one point, is guilty of breaking it all. **James 2:10**

**3. It makes Jesus Christ out to be a liar.**

For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 5:20**

*Jesus didn’t believe good people go to heaven…*

*He believed forgiven people go to heaven.*