

How Good Is Good Enough?

Matthew 5:17-48

If you want to be accepted by God, you have to be

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Matthew 5:20-22, 27-32, 48; see also Romans 3:10, 20; James 2:10

Those who believe in Jesus _____

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Matthew 5:3; see also Galatians 2:16

Jesus wants us to pursue...

- perfect _____.
Matthew 5:23-24; see also Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:3; Romans 12:18
- perfect _____.
Matthew 5:29-30; see also Job 31:1-4; Matthew 19:9; Mark 10:11-2; Luke 16:18
- perfect _____.
Matthew 5:33-37; see also Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9; James 5:12
- perfect _____.
Matthew 5:38-47; see also Luke 6:27-36; Romans 12:14, 21

Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 5:20 and 5:48. Do you think you are good enough to get into heaven? Why or why not?
2. Read Matthew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15. Is there anyone that you are “out of harmony” with? What part do you think God wants you to play in rebuilding that relationship? What obstacles will you have to overcome to obey Him?
3. Read Matthew 5:27-32. How would your thought life and your relationship with your spouse be different if you were committed to pursuing perfect purity?
4. Read Matthew 5:33-37. In what parts of your life are you tempted to be less than perfectly honest? How do you camouflage dishonesty? Who is God’s Spirit leading you to tell the truth to?
5. Who in your relational web is most undeserving of your kindness? Based on Matthew 5:38-47, what is one specific thing you can do to treat that person better than they deserve?

