



Misquoted If You're Good Enough, God Will Save You

Tempted to believe that your ticket into heaven is based on how well you perform? Think again! Jesus never said *if you're good enough, God will save you*. Rest assured – your salvation has nothing to do with racking up points and everything to do with the grace and freedom that Jesus offers you.

Scripture:

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”

Luke 4:18-19

Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Galatians 5:1

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?

Galatians 3:2-3

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:22

Ice Breaker and Intro Question:

1. In one or two words ONLY - how are you doing this week?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service?

Discussion Questions

1. Share briefly about the misquoted phrase, "If you're good enough, God will save you." How have you used it or seen it used?
2. When you think about God, what images come to your mind? Have you ever pictured God as angry? If so, where did that idea or image come from?
3. Have someone read Luke 4:18-19 out loud. What did Jesus say He came to bring? What surprises you about what Jesus says in these verses?
4. Read Galatians 5:1, Galatians 3:2-3, and Galatians 5:22 out loud. (Have different people take turns reading, if you'd like.)
5. The truth of this message may not be new information to you, but it's not the easiest one to believe deeply. How can we RELY on God and His power at work rather than exhaust ourselves TRYING to do what's right? (Get practical!)
6. Eddie shared this quote from Tim Keller. Have someone read it out loud: "**Religion says: I obey; therefore, I am accepted. The gospel says: I am accepted; therefore, I obey.**" Why is the distinction between those two statements important?
7. Close your group time in prayer – but rather than filling it with words, take a few moments of silence to be in God's presence, inviting His Spirit to lead and guide you. You could open your hands in a posture of surrender. Have one person close with a simple prayer.

Additional Resources:

- Need help navigating your group session? Reach out to MichaelS@wschurch.org with questions and to get tips for how to stay connected as a group – online or in person.
- Want to find some digital resources to grow? Visit <http://www.wschurch.org/resources> to see a list of ideas from our staff team.

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