

CROSS WORDS SERIES

"I'm Good Enough, NOT!"

Romans 5:21

Righteousness is **right standing before God.**

1. Believing the cross is to move from **total depravity** to **totally righteous.**
2. Believing the cross is to focus on **what's done** rather than **what I do.**
3. Believing the cross is to get **"God"** not get **"stuff" from God.**
4. Believing the cross is to value **selflessness** over **selfishness**
5. Believing the cross is to focus on **internal** over the **external.**
6. Believing the cross brings **security** over **insecurity.**

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Growth Group Discussion Guide

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Read Romans 3:23, Isaiah 64:6:

Will My Good Works Get Me Into Heaven? Probably the most common misconception of Christianity is that doing good most of the time will get you in heaven. We are taught at an early age to do a list of action items that will guarantee us to walk through those Pearly Gates. If I go to church every Sunday, serve on hospitality, give a couple of dollars occasionally to a homeless person, and volunteer for Make A Difference Day 80% of my life surely this is enough let me walk through the gates. Who deserves to go to heaven? Does God rank sin based on its nature? Does God want us to do good works because it is just the right thing to do? Do you do something good to try to combat a sin you have committed to show God you are a good person?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10, Acts 17:30-31, Matthew 10:32-33, Acts 2:38-39

Jesus Is Our Door to Heaven. Why does God not use our works to save us? Have you ever found yourself boasting about something you did? What did God create us to do? And what gift did He give us to complete it? Do we deserve Grace? Why did God send Jesus to us? What does ³repent² mean? Why must we repent our sins? Why must we acknowledge Jesus Christ before others? What is the importance of baptism? Is baptism a requirement to get into heaven?

Read Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 22:36-38, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 5:22-23

Staying In the Will of God. Does being a Christian mean we will never sin again? How do you stay on God's road in a world filled with wrong turns? What is the most important commandment? Peter walked on water because he kept his eyes fixed on Jesus; the minute he looked away he began to sink. How many Peter moments have you had today? Have you transplanted your heart with God's heart?

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God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us ...Walk in the righteousness of God for He has made you whole! Do you know just how much you are loved by God? Do your mistakes change His love for you? How does this make you feel?

Take Away:

William McDowell has a song ³I Give Myself Away² this week meditate on this song on your way to work and on your way home. Each day write in your journal how this effected your day. Next week share your journal with your small group (only if you are comfortable).