

AM I AS GOOD AS I CAN BE

2 Corinthians 5:17

Good : That which is right , helpful , or better than others of its kind . Very satisfactory and Enjoyable .

Ask yourself a question , am I as good as I can be ? If a person wants to do good , then he or she must have faith in and live for Jesus Christ . Have we given up somethings to follow Christ , Are we studying our bibles daily , am I doing better than I was last year , am I attending church regular as I should , am I more active in the church than I was last year , and am I putting Christ first in everything .

1 . 2 Corinthians 5:17

A . Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

B . Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

2 . Isaiah 43:7

A . *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

B . They are my people— I created each of them to bring honor to me."

3 . 2 Corinthians 3:18

A . But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

B . So our faces are not covered. They show the bright glory of the Lord, as the Lord's Spirit makes us more and more like our glorious Lord.

4 . John 17:1-5

A . These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

B . After Jesus had finished speaking to his disciples, he looked up toward heaven and prayed: Father, the time has come for you to bring glory to your Son, in order that he may bring glory to you. And you gave him power over all people, so that he would give eternal life to everyone you give him . Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, the one you sent. I have brought glory to you here on earth by doing everything you gave me to do. Now, Father, give me back the glory that I had with you before the world was created.

5 . Hebrews 12:2

A . Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is **set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

B . We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew that later on he would be glad he did. **Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne!**

6 . Psalms 73:25-26

A . Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth : *but God is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever .

B . In heaven I have only you, and on this earth you are all I want. My body and mind may fail, but you are my strength and my choice forever.

7 . Ephesians 2:8

A . For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

B . You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own.

8 . Matthew 16:24

A . Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

B . Then Jesus said to his disciples: If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me.

9 . Luke 18:19

A . And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is*, God.

B . Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good.

10 . Hebrews 10:25

A . Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

B . Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.

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11 . Romans 8:1-9

A . *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit . For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be . So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

B . If you belong to Christ Jesus, you won't be punished . The Holy Spirit will give you life that comes from Christ Jesus and will set you free from sin and death . The Law of Moses cannot do this, because our selfish desires make the Law weak. But God set you free when he sent his own Son to be like us sinners and to be a sacrifice for our sin. God used Christ's body to condemn sin. He did this, so that we would do what the Law commands by obeying the Spirit instead of our own desires . People who are ruled by their desires think only of themselves. Everyone who is ruled by the Holy Spirit thinks about spiritual things. If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit , we will have life and peace. Our desires fight against God, because they do not and cannot obey God's laws . If we follow our desires, we cannot please God. You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God's Spirit , who lives in you. People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them don't belong to him .

Hope today that we can surely understand , am I am good as I can be . That means , **I Know God , I enjoy God** and is **continually growing in love** .

There are five things you must do to become a Christian

Hear the word , **Believe** what you have heard , **Repent** , **Confess** , and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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