

None That Doeth Good

I. Introduction:

A. Is doing good impossible? Why does God say to do good if such is impossible (**III John 1:11**)?

1. Doing good was commanded under the Law of Moses (**Psalms 34:14; 37:3; 37:27**).
2. The same is true under the New Covenant (**Galatians 6:10** and **I Peter 3:8-12**).

B. The Judgment Day will separate those that do good and those that do not (**John 5:28-29**).

1. The expectation for the saved is to have worked good (**Romans 2:6-10**).
2. What will I reap if I truly cannot work good (**Galatians 6:7-10**)?

II. Body: What Then Is Meant By The Statement “None That Doeth Good” (**Romans 3:12**)?

A. There are Psalms that say there is none that do good (**Psalms 14:1** and **Psalms 53:1**).

1. These contexts are about fools who worked iniquity (**Psalms 14:1-4; 53:1-4**).
2. Other Psalms said there were good men (**Psalms 112:5; 125:4**). So, we cannot conclude these Psalms are saying everyone cannot do good.

B. Solomon said there is not a just man that doeth good (**Ecclesiastes 7:20**).

1. The context talks about having a good reputation (**Ecclesiastes 7:1**) and even about a just man (**Ecclesiastes 7:15**). Is he contradicting himself? Was his time a time of evil? Is this hyperbole?
2. Solomon has talked of a good man (**Proverbs 12:2; 13:22; 14:14** and **Ecclesiastes 3:12**). Is he confused?
3. Notice in the context of **Ecclesiastes 7:20** what is said in **Ecclesiastes 7:13-19**. Think on that. Can a man be so righteous as to overturn wickedness or so wicked as to overthrow righteousness? What about self-righteousness?

C. Aha! Self-righteousness... Go back and read **Romans 3:9-24**. The contextual point was that both Jews and Gentiles needed the Savior. Neither, by their own good works, could be made righteous without Christ.

1. Self-righteousness gets you nowhere (**Proverbs 30:12, Luke 18:9-14, and Romans 10:1-3**).
2. That does not mean there were not “good men” (**Luke 23:50** and **Acts 11:22-24**).
3. Also, concerning Barnabas, he is evidence that one can be a good man and blow it (**Galatians 2:13**).

D. The truth of the matter is that sinners need the Lord to be made righteous and no amount of good works apart from Christ can make the sinner righteous (**Ephesians 2:1-10**).

1. Paul made this clear (**Philippians 3:8-11**).
2. Being made righteousness is not through our own works (**II Timothy 1:9** and **Titus 3:3-7**).
3. When we do all we are supposed to do, there is no extra credit (**Luke 17:7-10**).
4. Apart from Christ, your good works are useless (**John 15:3-6**).
 - a. Don't run from the extreme of all works salvation to the other extreme of no works salvation (**Titus 3:8** and **James 2:14-26**).
 - b. You have a role in being saved (**Acts 2:40**, **Philippians 2:12**, and **I Timothy 4:13-16**).

III. Conclusion: Be the good man that brings forth good fruit (**Luke 6:43-45**).