

JULY 25/26 IT'S NOT ABOUT HOW GOOD I AM JOHN ALEXANDER

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 4:13-14

"Anyone who drinks this water will become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

John 4:25-26

"I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!"

Ephesians 2:8-9

MOTEC

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death.

Romans 5:15

For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:20

As people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

How can you know if you've been good enough to get into heaven? The answer is simple: you can't. It is by the grace of God and through a relationship with him that we can be free from sin.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. At first glance the "good people go to heaven" theory seems pretty fair. After hearing the message, how have your views changed on this theory?
- 2. If you've spent time around any church, you have most likely heard about grace. What were your thoughts on the meaning of grace before hearing the message and how has that changed?
- 3. We don't deserve grace, but Jesus offers us grace and frees us from our sins. Have you ever felt like you weren't good enough for God's grace?
- 4. Read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. Have you ever found yourself thinking that you will be rewarded with salvation for the good things you have done? How can we remind ourselves that salvation is based on grace, not on how well we perform?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

God's grace is given to free us. How has God's grace liberated you? Share on social media using **#HardtoBelieve**.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9**