

TALK IT OVER

A Different Kind of Person

BOTTOM LINE

Forgiven people go to heaven.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's your favorite fall food? Would you rather go on a fall hike, attend a football game, or visit a haunted house?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: <u>newpointeorg/daily</u>
- <u>How to Receive God's</u> <u>Forgiveness</u> by Charles Stanley

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:9 NLT

The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself. Romans 1:17 NCV

...we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness]. 2 Corinthians 54:21 AMP

God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood (because of his death on the cross). Romans 3:24-25 NLT

"The bad news is that no one is sinless, no one is good enough for God. But Jesus is, and He makes us righteous before God." – Dwight Mason

"It's fair—everyone is invited, everyone gets in the same way, and everyone's way is paid." – Dwight Mason

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The thought that NO ONE is good enough is shocking and even offensive to some people. What ways do you see humans trying to be good enough? Jesus said that to hate someone in our hearts is on some level the same as murder. Discuss what that means. Talk about interior and exterior goodness. How does the way I think about, talk about, and treat others affect my relationship with God? When I don't love another person well, I am not loving God well. Discuss. What are the implications? We think it's all between us and God. But Jesus said if I have a problem with another human, I need to take care of that before trying to move my relationship with God forward. I can't be at odds with someone else and be right with God. How does getting truly right with God help my heart attitude get right with others? Heart truth: Who are the people you have a hard time wanting to believe God loves as much as He loves you? Who do you think doesn't deserve forgiveness? How do you deal with the fact that your relationship with God depends on loving the unlovable? How does the absolute love of God make mercy triumph over justice for all of us?

ACTION STEP

I will rejoice in God's forgiveness for me through Jesus, and my home in heaven. I will pray and help love this person to Jesus and heaven too:

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