

HEARTBEAT BIBLE STUDY LESSON THREE B



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GOD'S SON-JESUS CHRIST Student's Outline

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THE OBJECTS OF FAITH

The Proper Object of our Faith

John 3:16 (ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The conditional word is _____. The Object of faith is _____.

John 3:36 (ESV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

The conditional word is _____. The Object of faith is _____.

John 5:24 (ESV) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

The conditional word is _____. The Object of faith is _____.

The word *Lord* simply means master, and we all know what that means. The new believer having surrendered his life completely to Christ, and knowing that Jesus has paid their death sentence in full, now serves at the beck and call of his new benevolent Master, carrying out the daily orders from the Lord with joy and pleasure. He is willing to die for His Master (and many have) because he has discovered that he would rather die and be with Christ than live and be without Him.

Our part in presenting Part B of Lesson Three in our Heartbeat Series is finished, but God's part has just begun. It is our prayer that God will help you ponder these truths and reveal to you whether or not you have genuinely surrendered your life to the Master or not. In our next lesson we will carefully explain just how a person can go about surrendering their life to Jesus Christ.

If you do not want to wait another week, we can begin Lesson Four right now and you won't have to let another day go by fearing that you are still under condemnation. Or, you can call us anytime and say to us that you can't wait for our next meeting. We'll be glad to wrap up these extremely important matters ASAP.

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LUKE 24:47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

ACTS 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for (because of) the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

What does repentance mean? Jesus understood repentance to mean a repudiation of my old life of sinful rebellion against God and a turning to God for salvation. It is what the Thessalonians did when Paul said they,

turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God. 1 Thessalonians 1:9.

Here is how a great man of God described repentance:

Repentance means that you realize that you are a guilty, vile sinner in the presence of God, that you are hell-bound. It means that you begin to realize that this thing called sin is in you, that you long to get rid of it, and that you turn your back on it in every shape and form. You renounce the world whatever the cost, the world in its mind and outlook as well as its practice, and you deny yourself and take up the cross and go after Christ.

D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

TRUE REPENTANCE PRODUCES ACTS OF REPENTANCE

Re-read the story of Jesus and Zaccheus in Luke 19:1-10.

Zaccheus illustrates for us what happens in a person when they have experienced genuine repentance. They automatically and spontaneously want to set right the wrongs they committed living under the power and control of their flesh in their former life before Christ. In Zaccheus' case setting things right meant restitution according to the Old Testament laws (see Exodus 22:1).

The giving away of half his possessions demonstrates another aspect of true repentance and that is he gladly replaced his former god (money) with his new God Jesus Christ.

Some will confuse these acts of repentance for deeds that are done to earn salvation, but we know that our salvation cannot be earned. Instead these acts of true repentance, when found occurring naturally and willingly in one's heart, are evidences of genuine repentance and give assurance to the fact that God indeed has given that heart new life.

4. ACCEPTING CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD AND KING

Genuine faith finally leads us to accept Jesus Christ as our own Savior and Lord and King. As a part of genuine faith, genuine repentance brings an individual to the place of voluntary surrender to the Lordship of Christ. This means a willingness to follow Christ's commandments in their entirety. It means a full surrender of my own will, plans, dreams, aspirations, hopes, family, career, homes, cars, and bank accounts into the control of the Master. Paul says,

Romans 10:9 (ESV) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Improper Object of our Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Most people depend on good _____ to get them to heaven.

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV) But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our unrighteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind have taken us away.

Romans 3:23 (ESV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

FALSE FAITH

Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV) "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. [14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

James 2:17 (ESV) So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:19 (ESV) You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

Matthew 7:22-23 (ESV) On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' [23] And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

False faith is _____ only.

GENUINE FAITH

1. DISGUST

James 2:10 (ESV) For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

The Ten Commandments Obedience Test (see handout)

ALL SIN IS THE RESULT OF UNBELIEF

Romans 14:23b (ESV) For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

THE KINDNESS OF GOD LEADS US TO REPENTANCE

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

2 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV) For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

2. DELIGHT

THE TREASURE AND THE PEARL

Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV) "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. [45] "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, [46] who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

demned to die forever. Going back to our earlier illustrations of running from the forest fire and drowning in the ocean, we see the differences between disgust and delight. If we imagine that we were the ones who set the forest on fire and see the destruction all around us, we can see how we might be disgusted with ourselves and our evil deeds. Our sinfulness sows nothing but death.

The first phase of exercising genuine faith is experiencing this disgust; but that is not enough to make it genuine faith yet. The second phase is a delight in God and in Jesus our wonderful Savior. Thinking back to our illustration of the lifeline thrown to us from the captain of the ship, we can easily see that the captain and his ship look awfully inviting compared to our present predicament. Yet many people make a critical mistake at this point. They think they can reach for the rope to get saved and still dislike the captain who is saving them and the rules he requires to make life on his boat pleasant for all. No one who has been swimming with sharks and is about to die wants to swim with those same sharks in the ocean liner's pools. Yet some people mistakenly think they can ask for God's forgiveness and intend all along to stay warm and friendly with the very same sins (crimes) that earned them a death sentence to begin with.

That is not true faith that leads to true salvation. We must be both disgusted with our sin and delighting in our Savior to be truly saved. Jesus illustrated this concept by using parables and analogies. Let's see what He says about treasuring him above all else.

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Jesus is the hidden treasure that is so valuable that one would be willing to sell all he had to gain Christ. Jesus is that pearl of great value, so valuable that one who knew its worth would be willing to sell all he had in order to gain the greater.

THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE LIVING WATER

John 6:35 (ESV) Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

John 7:38 (ESV) "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "

In these passages Jesus is saying the same thing he said about the treasure and the pearl. He says that He is better and more satisfying than anything this world has to offer which promises to quench our heart's desires. The spiritually humble and broken person is thirsting for true righteousness and hungry for true holiness and those things can only be found in Jesus.

3. TRUE REPENTANCE

Coming to genuine faith in Christ is like a process of awareness. The first step was being disgusted with our sinful condition. The second step was discovering a delight in our Savior. Somewhere along the line when we were developing a delight in the Savior, we were attracted to His kindness and mercy that was intended to lead us to repentance. What is true repentance and is it really necessary in order to be saved? Jesus answers those questions for us in Scripture.

How did you do? Did you get 100%? In all our years of teaching these lessons, we have not found anyone yet who has scored 100%. We have not found anybody who was not guilty of violating every commandment, many times over, for many years. In fact, the only person in history who has scored 100% is Jesus.

If one is honest with himself, he will begin to see that all of the sadness in his life, and all the disharmony that is ruining his life, is caused by a failure to keep the Ten Commandments. The damage we have done to others and primarily to God, as we will explain in a minute, is serious, deadly serious.

Failing the Ten Commandments test is bad enough, but those failures only show the symptoms of the real problem and that is unbelief.

ALL SIN IS THE RESULT OF UNBELIEF

God is a loving father who told us that we would be happy if we kept His laws and that we would destroy our lives if we rebelled against His laws. Every sin we commit is, in essence, a telling of God that we do not believe him. We think and presume to know that we would be happier if we lusted, coveted, stole, told white lies to protect ourselves, pursued money and power and worshipped the god of success. That is essentially what Paul means when he says in Romans 14:23b that [...] **whatever is not from faith is sin.**

As imperfect parents, we get upset when after all the love and sacrifice we give to make our children's lives truly happy, they rebel and act as if they know better. Now you can begin to understand how an infinitely holy and infinitely loving and infinitely good God would react to our unbelief and rebellion. He reacts by fairly punishing such rebellion with an infinitely just punishment, an eternity in hell. If you think that is unfair of God, it is because you don't really know how good God has been to you and how holy he really is.

THE KINDNESS OF GOD LEADS US TO REPENTANCE

At this point in our lessons, people get a pretty grim picture of their life and start getting depressed if they are not already. Depression however is not enough of a motivation to change and turn to God for help and forgiveness. It's like we are adrift in the ocean with no life raft and no preserver and the sharks (our own sins) are swimming around us. The desire to get out of this situation means very little, if there is no way out.

It is at this point that the mercy of God comes to us like a lifeline thrown to us from an ocean liner. We hear the captain call us and we are aroused from our fatigued caused stupor. We realize that God has no obligation to help us because we chose to be where we are, but when we see His mercy extended to us, we are moved by His love and the tears of our own godly sorrow start leading us to repent of our sins and turn to God for help. That is what Paul was saying in the following verses:

Romans 2:4 (ESV) Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

2 Cor. 7:10 (ESV) For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

2. DELIGHT

God's kindness and mercy and love and compassion along with all His other wonderful attributes begin to look very good to a person who is disgusted with their life of sin and realize they are con-

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The Ten Commandments Obedience Test

(Answer "Yes" if you have always kept that commandment in your life; answer "No" if even once you did not keep that commandment in your life.)

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| 1. Exodus 20:3 ¶ "You shall have no other gods before Me.
i.e. There is nothing in my life that has ever come before God. | Yes | No |
| 2. Exodus 20:4 ¶ "You shall not make for yourself an idol,
i.e. I have never replaced God with money, sex, or drugs as my source of total happiness and joy and I have never fashioned God into something I would like Him to be, such as only being a god of love. | Yes | No |
| 3. Exodus 20:7 ¶ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.
i.e. I have never disgraced God by using his name to curse. | Yes | No |
| 4. Exodus 20:8 ¶ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
i.e. I have always trusted the Lord that he will provide for me by resting from my labor one day a week. | Yes | No |
| 5. Exodus 20:12 ¶ "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
i.e. I have always obeyed and respected my parents. | Yes | No |
| 6. Exodus 20:13 ¶ "You shall not murder.
i.e. I have never disobeyed Jesus' words in Matthew 5:22 which say that even if we are angry with a brother, we are as guilty as if we murdered him! | Yes | No |
| 7. Exodus 20:14 ¶ "You shall not commit adultery.
i.e. I have never disobeyed Jesus' words in Matthew 5:28 which say that if I have looked at a woman with lustful intent I have already committed adultery with her in my heart. | Yes | No |
| 8. Exodus 20:15 ¶ "You shall not steal.
i.e. I have never stolen an answer, nor cheated on taxes nor kept excessive change from a cashier. | Yes | No |
| 9. Exodus 20:16 ¶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
i.e. I have never once told a lie, white or any other color. | Yes | No |
| 10. Exodus 20:17 ¶ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."
i.e. I have always been satisfied with everything God intended for me to have, and never wanted what someone else had. | Yes | No |

The book of James describes that kind of faith when it says in chapter 2 verse 17, **"Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself."** What James means is that genuine faith will produce righteous good deeds just like an apple tree will produce apples. A faith, however, that simply gives mental assent is a dead faith. James describes that kind of faith just two verses later in chapter two (verse 19) when he says **"You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder."**

Even more shocking is the statement of Jesus in:

[Matthew 7:22-23](#), "On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' [23] And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

Can you imagine people who are so spiritually capable that they are able to cast out demons and do miracles in God's name but yet they are hopelessly lost for all eternity? That is because they depended on a false faith to get them to heaven.

In summary, false faith is **head knowledge** only.

GENUINE FAITH

In contrast to the false faith described above is a genuine faith that leads to salvation. Jesus describes two aspects of genuine faith that we can summarize in two simple words. The first is a disgust with where we are at, and the second is a delight (that leads to embracing Him). The disgust is with your sin and with the shame you have regarding your sinful condition. The delight is with Jesus and all he means to you to make your life complete and all God intended it to be. We will examine these two components one at a time.

1. DISGUST

Most people are unhappy with their lives and desire to improve them because they know they are not doing something right. They know that they are living their lives in a dysfunctional way. The problem however is not that they grew up in a dysfunctional home which caused their personalities to be dysfunctional. The problem is a sinful heart. Every man chooses to rebel against what they know to be right in their own hearts. They disobey the truth about right and wrong that God put in their hearts from birth. God wants us to recognize our sinfulness and see it for what it really is: a sin sickness that is destroying our lives much like it destroyed all the harmony in Adam and Eve's lives right at the beginning of time.

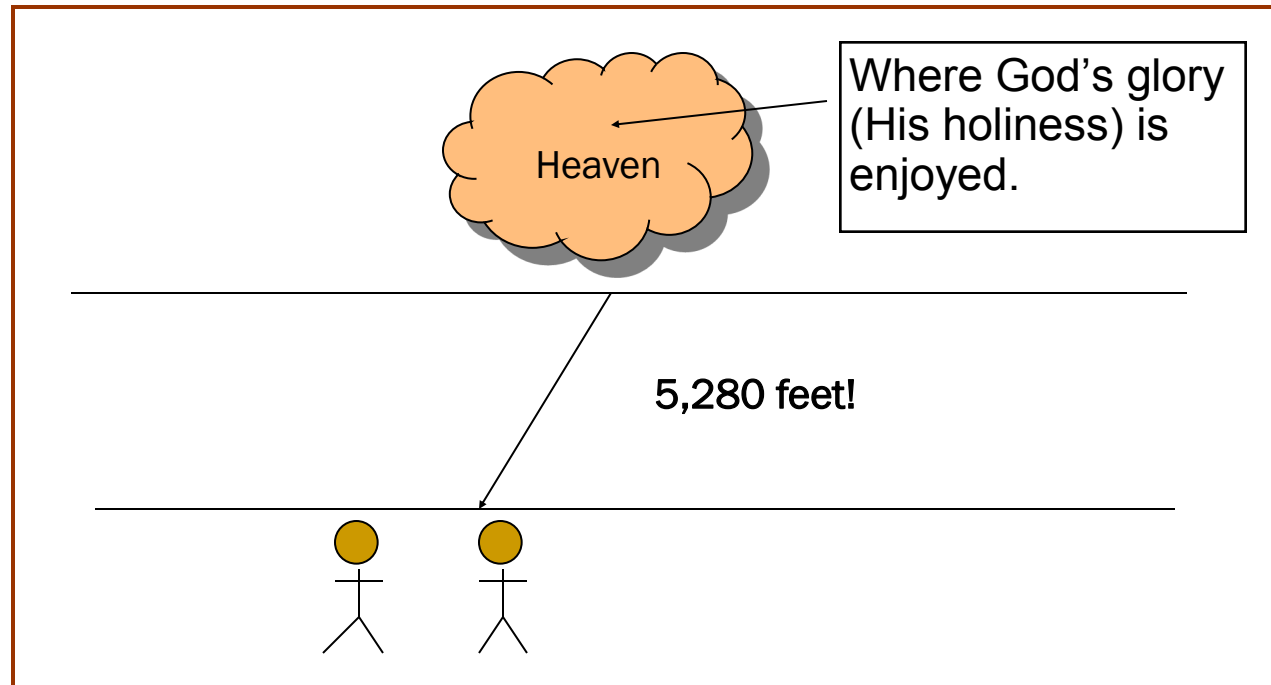
Satan keeps us blinded to this reality. His influence, combined with our own sinful nature, cause us to minimize our sins and to live in denial. We keep telling ourselves that we are not that bad or that our sinful actions are nothing but peccadilloes (minor trespasses). That is not what God thinks about our sins. He considers breaking one of his moral laws equivalent to breaking them all. That is what James says in

[James 2:10 \(ESV\)](#)

[For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.](#)

Let's take this simple Ten Commandments test together to help us see ourselves in the light of God's perfect standard. Remember: if you fail at one you have failed at them all according to God's word. That makes this a pass-fail test if you score less than 100%.

(See Pages 6 & 7 for the test)



This simple illustration is an attempt to show the futility of trusting in our good works to get us to heaven. It also shows that in God's eyes the difference between Mother Theresa's good deeds and Osama's evilness is miniscule. Compared to God's infinite goodness and holiness, the best of the best humanity has to offer is statistically no different than the worst of the worst! ¹

So far in our lesson we have seen what the proper object of our faith is in order to get to heaven, which is Jesus Christ, God's Son. We have also seen what most people are depending on to get to heaven which is their good works, and we have seen that these are an improper object of faith.

Now we would like to focus on what genuine faith looks like compared to false faith. If we don't get this right, and many don't, we will miss heaven by an eternity.

FALSE FAITH

Many people think that the kind of faith they are exercising is good enough to get them to heaven when in reality it is a false faith or at best an incomplete faith. We need to expose that kind of faith first before we talk about genuine faith.

Jesus warned that many people are on the wrong road, trusting in the wrong things, thinking they are OK. Look at what he says in Matthew 7:13-14.

Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV)

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. [14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

Satan deceives many people into believing that a certain kind of faith is sufficient to get one to Heaven when in reality the Bible would call that kind of faith a dead faith, one that has no power to save your soul.

¹ That doesn't mean however, that people won't be judged differently. The Bible clearly states that non-believers will be judged according to their deeds. Rev. 20:12b (ESV) . . . And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

Scoring the Test by the Book

Please fill in the blank.

If you failed commandment number 9, commanding us not to lie, then what does that make you?

A L_____.

If you failed commandment number 8, commanding us not to steal, then what does that make you?

A T_____.

If you failed commandment number 7, commanding us not to commit adultery or lust, then what does that make you?

An A_____.

If you failed commandment number 6, commanding us not to murder or hate, then what does that make you?

An M_____.

Sentencing By The Book

If today was Judgment Day in Heaven, and an angel presented your case before the Judge of all the earth, what do you suppose would be the verdict?

Circle one: Guilty? or Not Guilty?

If the Judge was just and he sentences people fairly, what would your sentence be?

Circle one: Eternal Heaven or Eternal Hell?

Need some help deciding? Look at the following verse:

Rev. 21:8 (ESV)

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Need more Help? Look at this verse.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NASB-U)

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, [10] nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

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This is the complete lesson from which the teacher taught.

The last time we met, we gave an assignment and asked a question. That question was, "what do you think is the difference between the unnamed rich young ruler in Luke 18:18-23 and Zaccheus in Luke 19:2-9? If you discerned that the difference was one had true genuine faith (belief) and the other didn't you would be right. Now we want to explore the difference between those two as we let Scripture tell us what genuine faith really is.

THE OBJECTS OF FAITH

The Proper Object of our Faith

The first thing we will discover is that genuine faith is a faith placed in the proper object. **Read John 3:16; 3:36; 5:24.** Let's read these passages and fill in on your worksheet the phrase that shows what the conditional word is (which is necessary for salvation) and the object of our faith.

The condition required for salvation according to these verses is **belief**, which is another word for faith. The object of our faith is **Jesus and the Father**. The belief referred to in the Bible is a complete trust of our Savior Jesus Christ. A half-hearted trust will only get us in trouble. Let's illustrate.

Say you are in the woods and you smell smoke. You turn around and see that the forest behind you is on fire and coming quickly your way. You tell your legs to get moving and you run as fast as you can away from the inferno. All of a sudden you have to stop quickly because you have reached a cliff that is part of a canyon wall. There is no scaling down that wall since it is too steep and so you ponder the unthinkable. Soon you will perish. Then all of sudden you see someone else come running out of the woods a distance down from you and they jump on a rope bridge that connects one side of the canyon to the other. You watch as that person, who is similar weight and size as you, climb on to the wobbly rope bridge and make it safely to the other side.

You reason that if he made it, so can you, and you scramble through the bushes to get to the rope bridge. The flames are just a few dozen feet away now, and there is not much time, so you grab hold of the branch of the tree next to the bridge and put one foot on the bridge and one foot on the rock surface. There you are, deathly afraid of heights looking down at the bottom of the canyon some 1,000 feet below you. You freeze. You have one hand on a branch, one hand on the rope. You have one foot on the rock, one foot on the rope. When is it that you truly believe that the rope bridge will save your life? I hope you said that it was the second you let go and put all of your weight on the bridge, because that is true belief. You are now, fully trusting that bridge to save your life.

People find themselves in the same predicament when it comes to trusting in Jesus for eternal life. They wonder if he's enough, so they keep hanging on to things they believe will help them get them there. They are putting their trust in a faulty object of trust.

The Improper Object of our Faith

As clear as these passages seem to be, many people continue to place their faith and trust in the wrong place. Instead of trusting in Jesus for salvation, they place their trust in other things. If you were to poll 50 people out of the phone book and ask them what they think is required to get them to heaven, what do you think the answers would be? If you answered that many people are trusting in their **good works** to get to heaven, you would be correct.

Ephesians 2:8-9 is very clear about the danger of trusting in good works to get us to heaven.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Still, even though the Bible says that good works won't get us to heaven, people continue to trust in things they think will get them there that look like, sound like, and act like good works. Some people believe that if they live morally good lives they will get to heaven. That sounds like good works, doesn't it? Others think that because they were baptized as an infant by their parents, they will get to heaven. That sounds like the good works of someone's parents doesn't it? Others think that if they keep the Golden Rule, or abstain from committing the big sins like adultery and murder they will get to heaven. Sounds like good works, doesn't it?

Isaiah 64:6 states that our best, in terms of righteous living, is despicable in God's sight because it doesn't measure up to his perfect standard of holiness.

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Another passage of Scripture that states this principle clearly is Romans 3:23.

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Let's illustrate this concept. Let's draw two parallel lines and we will put two stick figures on the outside of one line and a big circle for God on the other side of the line. These two lines represent a great canyon whose tops are a mile apart. On one side, we have God, and on the other side we have two people, the best of humankind, and the worst. The goal is to get them across the canyon on their own power using their good works to get them there. The goal is to get to the glory of God, which is another way of saying, arrive at heaven where the perfection of God's holiness is visible. Most people when asked to pick the best moral person in the world, living or dead, usually pick someone like Mother Theresa. When asked to pick the worst person, it used to be Hitler, but these days they choose Osama bin Laden or Saddam Hussein. They are all qualified representatives for the candidate of the morally worst person in the world, living or dead.

For purposes of our illustration, we are going to put a rock in each of their back packs for every sin they had ever committed. If Mother Theresa were here to count how many that would be, she would likely say they were innumerable, but we will be kind and say she had only 20 pounds worth of rocks in her sack. On the other hand, Osama's pile would be the size of a mountain, but we will be kind and say it's only 200 pounds worth of rocks.

Since the canyon wall is so steep that they can't climb down and up again, they must arrive to the other side by jumping across. When little Mother Theresa picks up her sack and jumps, she makes it a whopping four feet out over the canyon wall. When Osama grabs his pile, he grunts and groans and drags it to the edge where he jumps all of six inches. Does it really matter who made it the farthest? What is 3.5 feet when the distance yet to go is over 5,000?