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## Only God Is Good

*By Taylor Braswell on June 2, 2021*

### **TODAY'S READING:** Romans 1

How could a loving God send good people to hell? What about the good person on a far away island who has never heard the gospel? These are common questions I hear people ask when it comes to Christianity. As Christians, it is important to have a right understanding about humanity and God.

In Romans 1, Paul says the ungodly suppress the truth by their unrighteousness. It is clear in all of Scripture that humanity is in a fallen state. Every human being is born into sin and rejects God. Paul also says we are without excuse because God has revealed himself to us through general revelation (vv. 19-20). We need knowledge of what Christ did for us to be saved and the "good person" on an island or anywhere in the world does not exist. We will see later this week in Romans 3 that Paul quotes the Psalms and says, "none is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Paul knows God is a good judge who must punish sin. Paul lived his life knowing people need the gospel to be saved from the righteous wrath of God they deserve. Let us not back down from questions about our God and let us, like Paul, be able to say, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (vs. 16).

**PRAYER:** God, You are the righteous good Judge. Thank You for revealing Yourself to me and saving me. Help me live unashamed of You so others in my life can repent and believe in Christ.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** Romans 2

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