

"There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one."

Romans 3:10-12

**It's not popular...it is not easily accepted...but it is true.
There is no one who does good on their own.**

People don't like to talk about this fact. No one wants to focus on their weaknesses.

Our pride tells us that surely somehow, someday we can be good by ourselves.

Our struggle with this is not new. Jesus faced this same issue with the early followers.

Look at Mark 2:15-17

V. 15—Jesus enjoyed being around “sinners”.

V. 16—Jesus addressed the Pharisees after they addressed His disciples.

V. 17—Jesus knew that only those who recognize their wrongs will want to make them right.

Jesus devoted His time to those who recognized their need for Him.

What does this mean to me in reaching out to others with the truth of Christ?

- 1. Don't hide from those who don't know Christ.*
- 2. Spending time on those who are “good” will wear you out.*
- 3. Let God bring people to you who are realize they are in need.*

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” - Romans 3:23

Question for today: *Why would a God who loves us only provide ONE way to a relationship with Him?*

The answer to this question lies in its perspective. We as sinners shouldn't be arrogantly asking why there is only one way. We should instead be humbly asking why He would provide ANY way to Him.

Next time you are faced with this question, take a minute to thank God that, even though He is perfect and we are not, He has given us a way to know Him.

“Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:5-7