

## Sermon Notes for January 10, 2021

### Why Your Good Works Can't Save You ... Eph. 2:8-9

A universal theory:

The claim of Scripture:

Eph. 2:8,9

Titus 3:5

#### **Good works can't save you because:**

1. You instinctively \_\_\_\_\_ your good works by the \_\_\_\_\_ standard.

We are prone to finagle rules, to shift and modify standards so that they work in our favor. So it is with our 'good works' - we are *inclined* to evaluate our good works based on:

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According to Jesus in Matt. 5:17-20, what does he say is the entrance requirement into heaven?

How does Jesus end his talk on the Law (Matt. 5:48)?

What then is God's standard that he will measure every person by?

The Gospel is good news:

2. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can't fix your \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

We humans – especially in our western culture - are performance-driven. Built into our American psyche and embedded into the very fabric of our culture is this idea that if you perform well, you will be rewarded.

Why doesn't God accept me based on my performance?

Matthew 15:18-19

Jeremiah 17:9

The Gospel is good news:

3. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ that which is offered as a \_\_\_\_\_.

What does it mean that entrance into heaven is a 'gift of God'?

Romans 5:15-17

Why would God offer to you this free gift of his acceptance? Romans 5:15,17

How is this free gift of salvation received?