Sermon Notes | Pastor Ricky Smith **01/27/19**

Series: Eternity Matters

Sermon Title: "Good is Not Enough"

Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT)

Living a morally good life by the world's standards is not enough to enter the kingdom of God.

Matthew 19 (NKJV) [16] Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

[17] So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is,* God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Those who are depending on their "good works" alone will hear these words from Christ:

Matthew 7 (NLT) [21] "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. [22] On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' [23] But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

(Additional notes continue on reverse)

Eternal life is relationship with God.

John 17 (NLT) [3] And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

Ephesians 2 (NLT) [8] God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. [9] Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Scripture references:

Luke 10 (NKJV)

[17] Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

[18] And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [19] Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. [20] Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."