

Week 2:

Hope for When You're Not Good Enough



Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. Where in your life do you feel like you're not enough or not good enough? What makes you feel this way?
3. Read Colossians 1:25-27. How does Christ living in you affect your day-to-day life?
4. Read Romans 3:23. Can you think of a time when you relied on God's strength instead of your own? How was it different than struggles in your past when you relied on your own strength?
5. From walking with Adam and Eve in the garden to coming to earth in the form of Jesus, God has continually moved closer and closer to you. How does it make you feel to know that He has been doing this despite your sinful nature? What keeps you from pursuing a close relationship with God?
6. Read the checklist for your soul below. Which of these do you need to work on most? How might your life change if you did these 4 things?
7. What is one practical step do you plan to implement from this week's message?

Scripture References

Read Colossians 1:25-27; Hebrews 12:4; Romans 3:23; Colossians 1:13-23

Takeaways

- God's Secret to a Hopeful Life:
 - You don't have to be good enough.
 - You don't have to be strong enough.
 - You only need Christ living in you, the Hope of Glory.
- God's love at the cross has the power to forgive and rehabilitate anything that is humbly laid at His feet.
- There's hope for you when you're not enough.
- Your struggle against sin and shortcomings is real and normal.
- You cannot win your struggle against sin and shortcomings in your strength.
- Your struggle against sin, shortcomings and death was won at the cross, by Jesus the Christ.
- Once you plug into Christ, Christ's victory is available to you, to define and empower you, every moment.
- A life of being filled by God's favor rather than depleting yourself trying to earn or find it.

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- A checklist for your soul:
 - Plug into Christ as your Forgiveness and Salvation.
 - Plug into Christ as your Hope of Glory now.
 - Adopt the posture of a student.
 - Ask God to teach you to experience Jesus as the Hope of Glory.