

## BEST NEWS EVER #BNE

### No One's Perfect

#### The bad news: "None of us are perfect."

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20 (NIV)

#### Nothing short of perfection will get me to heaven.

#### When we don't do what's right, we create a deficit.

THE BEST NEWS EVER:

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"There is no one righteous, not even one..."

Romans 3:10 (NIV)

#### Admitting that I'm not perfect acknowledges there is a perfect someone.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Romans 3:19-20 (NIV)

#### Seeing the deficit of my imperfections positions me to see God.

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

Romans 3:21 (NIV)

#### Our deficit with God is what brought God to earth.

<sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)

#### Realizing my imperfections disqualifies me, allowing God's grace to justify me.

<sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who

justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:21-26 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**I'm not perfect because of what I do.**

**I'm perfect because I'm trusting in what Jesus has done.**

**When my trust is in Jesus, God sees me in light of Jesus' perfect work.**

**Grace doesn't give me permission to sin, but forgiveness when I do.**

#### HOW TO MAKE THIS NEWS THE BEST NEWS EVER:

- Admit that I am not perfect.
- Own up to the mess I've created.
- Trust that Jesus is enough.
- Follow Jesus.

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