

## PEOPLE AREN'T REALLY ALL THAT BAD

1 John 6:8-9

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** There are some "good" people in the world among all the bad ones and in the eyes of many, everyone has something good about them in some shape or form. The idea is that most people are not really bad or sinful and that with a little work, improvement, they can live lives pleasing to God and that all a person really needs is to get educated, get a set of moral values, get religious and try to help others. People somehow object to having a "go-between" between them and God and therefore don't think very highly of the person of Jesus. They just don't need Him or His teachings to get them right with God. Obviously anyone who thinks like this is so far away from God that he/she is living in total darkness to the ways of God.

### I. COUNTLESS PEOPLE THINK THAT ALL IS RIGHT BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND GOD

1. People think that whatever "sin" is, they can take care of it by themselves.
  - They can change their lives and stop "sinning": long enough to please God and be accepted by Him.
  - They don't need God's Son to come and do anything for them.
  - They can guide/control their own lives and keep out of sin.
  - Sadly, nobody can keep from sinning on their own and "sin" is coming short of God's glory and perfection, missing the mark of God's glory and perfection.
  - People are imperfect and therefore sinful.
2. Some think that they are not responsible for their sins and therefore cannot be charged with sin.
  - Many think that they are products of their environment and that's the way they were raised and therefore are not responsible for their actions amounting to what is called "sin."
  - Everyone "sins" and that is just part of living is the thought of many.
  - People are free to choose to sin or not to sin and sin is a force that is within every person.
3. Any person who thinks that he/she can control sin long enough to become acceptable to God doesn't begin to know God and has an opinion of him/herself that is way too high.
  - Every day every person lives short of what God wants/expects.
  - Matthew 7:21-23; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 1 John 1:8; 5:19; Revelation 3:16-18; Isaiah 64:6

### II. EVERYBODY SINS AND THEREFORE CONFESSION OF THOSE SINS IS NECESSARY

1. There is no way for a person to take care of his/her sins and therefore God's Son, Jesus Christ is a person's only way to get rid of his/her sins for Jesus will forgive and cleanse from all sins and unrighteousness.
  - To be forgiven of one's sins means that God forgives the "guilt" of sin.
    - The believer in Jesus is made right with God as God counts the death of Jesus as the believer's punishment.
    - Believing in Jesus and confessing one's sins brings freedom from being guilty of sin.
  - To be cleansed from unrighteousness means that it is God who does the cleansing from every hint of sin.
    - Not a single stain or spot of sin remains in the believer.
    - The believer stands before God sinless and perfect in God's eyes.
    - The believer trusts what Jesus did to make things right between him/her and God.
  - Being just, perfect, righteous, God must condemn and punish all sin.
    - God is also perfect in love and mercy.
    - God has provided a way for people to be forgiven of their sin and that is through God's Son, Jesus Christ.
    - God is faithful, just and righteous and He will keep His Word that "whosoever believes in

His only begotten Son, shall have eternal life..."  
- Acts 5:31; 13:38; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:9

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. There is nobody, no matter how good he/she may be, that is free from sin and is separated from God.
2. There is nobody who can live such a life that will make him/her acceptable to God.
3. The only way to be accepted by God is to do things God's way.
4. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to show everybody who and what God is like and to make a way for people to be accepted into a relationship with God.
5. To be saved, accepted, restored, brought into the family of God is to believe in Jesus Christ, confessing one's sins and trusting what Jesus has done is what God has required.