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RATE YOUR GOODNESS ON A SCALE OF 1-10

RATE GOD'S GOODNESS ON A SCALE OF 1-10

ARE WE GOOD? CAN WE BE GOOD? HOW GOOD IS GOD?



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WHAT THEN? ARE WE BETTER THAN THEY? NOT AT ALL; FOR WE HAVE ALREADY CHARGED THAT BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS ARE ALL UNDER SIN; AS IT IS WRITTEN, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE. THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING, THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS; WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS; THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN. THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."



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GOD TALKS ABOUT US IN TERMS OF ABSOLUTES
(NONE...ALL...NO ONE)

GOD HAS LOOKED OVER ALL TIME AND AT ALL PEOPLE,
EVALUATED THEM AND SAID, "YOU ARE ALL UNRIGHTEOUS."
THAT SEEMS HARSH AND HARD TO TAKE, BUT IT GETS WORSE!



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RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;



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"NONE RIGHTEOUS"

SPEAKS TO OUR MORALITY

SPEAKS TO OUR LEGAL STATUS

SPEAKS TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

MAKE SURE YOU'RE USING THE RIGHT "RULER" TO MEASURE
YOURSELF AGAINST

WHY ARE WE LIKE THIS?



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"ALL ARE UNDER SIN" = UNDER THE RULE OF SIN
WE ARE NOT UNWILLING PARTICIPANTS
SIN'S RULE CAUSES US TO WANT THE WRONG THING



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ROMANS 3:11

THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;



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"THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS"- UNDERSTANDS WHAT?
THE EXTENT OF MAN'S DEPRAVITY AGAINST GOD'S GREAT
PERFECTION
THE IDEA IS THAT WE SEE THE PUZZLE PIECES BUT CAN'T PUT
THE PICTURE TOGETHER
WE LOOK AT IT ALL AND COME TO THE WRONG CONCLUSIONS
ABOUT EVERYTHING!
GOD LOOKED AT US AND SAW OUR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS AND HE
ACTED, NOT IN TOTAL RIGHTEOUSNESS BUT WITH GRACE AND
MERCY



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LUKE 2:10-11

BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY WHICH WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE; FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID THERE HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.



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WE NEEDED A SAVIOR TO SAVE US FROM OUR
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS AND OUR CONFUSION AND OUR MISGUIDED
ATTEMPTS TO BE "GOOD"
GOD SAW AND, IN HIS GREAT COMPASSION, HE ACTED



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EPHESIANS 2:4-5

BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY, BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVED US, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST (BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED),

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD; NOT AS A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21

THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD WERE MAKING AN APPEAL THROUGH US; WE BEG YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD. HE MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN TO BE SIN ON OUR BEHALF, SO THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.



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IN OUR CONFUSION AND BECAUSE OF OUR DIMNESS DUE TO
OUR SIN, CHRIST TOLD US ABOUT THESE GREAT TRUTHS IN A
STORY....



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LUKE 15:21-22

"AND THE SON SAID TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND IN YOUR SIGHT; I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON. BUT THE FATHER SAID TO HIS SLAVES, 'QUICKLY BRING OUT THE BEST ROBE AND PUT IT ON HIM, AND PUT A RING ON HIS HAND AND SANDALS ON HIS FEET';

THIS IS THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS!

OUR ABSOLUTE SINFULNESS

GOD'S ABSOLUTE HOLINESS AND RIGHTNESS

OUR DESPERATE NEED FOR A SAVIOR

GOD RAN TO US

CHRIST CAME, DIED AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND WANTS TO CELEBRATE OUR RETURN TO HIM



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WHO IS THE ONE PERSON YOU'D LIKE TO SEE COME HOME?
IS IT YOU?

THANK GOD FOR CHRISTMAS AND FOR HIS COMPASSIONATE
MERCY!





CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME™

...Soles 4 Souls...

Now- Dec 19th

The charity distributes shoes to people in need. Since 2005, Soles4souls has given away nearly 12 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes. We will be collecting shoes to give away in November and December. Deliver them to the Soles4Souls box by the resource center on Sunday.

Angel Tree Ministry

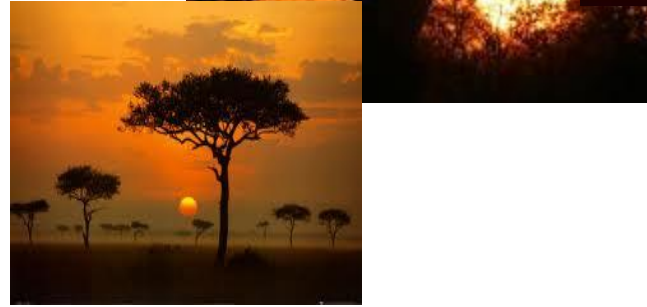


- A ministry to local families who can't afford Christmas gifts for their children.
- Pick up your child to sponsor this Christmas season at the Angel Tree in the Sanctuary.
- Return gifts by Sunday,
- December 12th to church,
- WRAPPED, and tagged.



Uganda Meeting

- **December 12th**
- **9er's Restaurant**
- **After Service**
- We are planning a trip to Africa next year! If you are interested in going, make plans to be with us for this important meeting. See you there!



Family Christmas Service

- December 19th, 5PM
- @ The Hilton Garden Inn
- Make plans to be with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



African Jewelry Available through November! Purchase them today at the Woman's Ministry Table

Adopt a College Student: Go to Woman's Ministry Table or See bulletins for details.

Women's Christmas Progressive Dinner:

December 6th

@ 6:30.

Sign up begins November 7th. See bulletin for details.

Sweet Swap:

When: December 16th

Time: 7:00

Where: the Greatwood Recreation Center.

Ladies come share your favorite recipes at our annual sweet swap! See bulletin for details. RSVP to Mindi Sanders at

jmjj@att.net.

Retirement Home Ministry

Sunday / December 19th / 2PM
At The Greatwood Retirement
and Assisted Living Center
(7001 Riverbrook Drive, Sugar Land)
For more info email Cheryl at
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