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The most serious of the lot is the last one as it has eternal – that's FOREVER – implications! How many Kiwis have swallowed the line that as long as you're good, treat your fellow man the right way and don't hurt anyone that God will let you into Heaven. Heaven is not a myth. God is not a fable. But the idea that just by being good you can get there is a LIE!

How good would you have to be to get to heaven? That's the problem! We like to define "good" on our terms by comparing ourselves to other people.

God defines "good" by comparing you to Jesus Christ – He was PERFECT! The result of course is that you and I don't measure up. *"EVERY man at his BEST state is altogether vanity."* (Psa 39:5) *"ALL have sinned and COME SHORT of the glory of God."* (Rom 3:23)

Even the best people who love their families, don't kill people, don't cheat on their taxes and give to the Red Cross, occasionally tell a white lie, struggle with pride, covet things and have anger in their heart toward others about which they never speak. God knows our thoughts, sees every action and hears every word. One day we will give an account to him for all of these sins and he will have no choice but to pass a guilty verdict upon us. *"The wages of sin is death."* (Rom 6:23) You may not think you deserve hell, but

when compared to a perfect, holy God, neither you nor I deserve heaven. *"But the FEARFUL, and UNBELIEVING, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all LIARS, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."* (Rev 21:8)

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