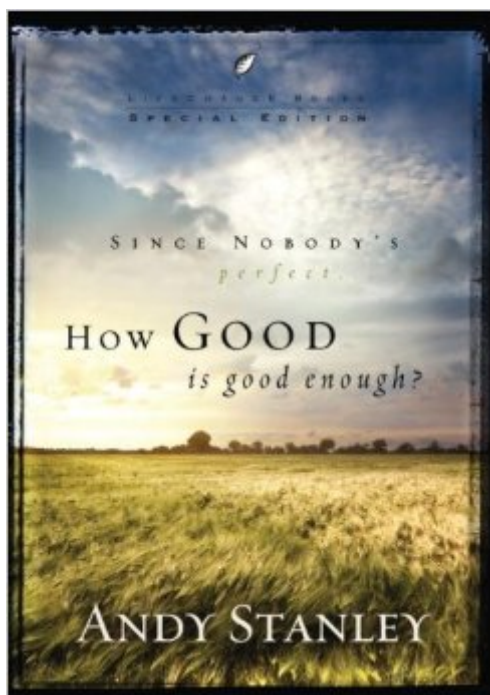


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Â Special 6 pack, ideal for church giveaways, welcome packets and small group distribution. Surely there's more than one way to get to heaven? Bestselling author Andy Stanley addresses this popular belief held even among Christians. But believing that all good people go to heaven raises major problems, Stanley reveals. Is goodness not rewarded, then? Is Christianity not fair? Maybe not, he says. Readers will find out why Jesus taught that goodness is not even a requirement to enter heaven - and why Christianity is beyond fair. Andy Stanley leads believers and skeptics alike to a grateful awareness of God's enormous grace and mercy. Good People Go to Heaven...Don't They? Sure they do. It only makes sense. Actually, it doesn't really make any sense at all. Smart, educated, accomplished men and women everywhere are banking their eternities on a theory that doesn't hold water. Chances are, you've never really thought it through. But you owe it to yourself to do so. Find out now what's wrong with the most popular theory about heaven - and what it really takes to get there.

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It takes a brave man to write another book geared towards convincing unbelievers that being good simply isn't enough to earn God's favor. There are so many similar books available and most unbelievers have heard the arguments so many times that they simply fall on deaf ears. Andy Stanley, though, wrote How Good Is Good Enough? to cover this topic one more time and he covers it admirably. The book is based around the premise that every religion other than Christianity

is based on the premise that good deeds can earn us a favorable place in the afterlife. This, the world's most popular theory about heaven, falls flat when examined in depth, and Stanley examines it thoroughly. He asks the usual questions ("if you were to stand before God and He were to ask why He should let you get into heaven, what would you say?") and uses the familiar arguments ("Jesus was either a liar, a lunatic or exactly who He said He was") yet somehow avoids making the book feel like it is filled with nothing but cliché. Perhaps the fact that it is written conversationally, almost as if Stanley was sitting in a room with you and just sharing his faith, makes it feel different. It is filled with examples from his own life and ministry, giving it a sense of genuineness. The book is divided into two sections. The first speaks about common understandings of God, the afterlife and how we can secure a place in heaven. The second section presents the Christian alternative to the arguments of other religions. Stanley shows, for example, how a common objection to the reality of heaven and hell is that sending people to hell is not fair. To counter this, he presents God as merciful rather than fair, for fairness would condemn us all to hell.

As a pastor, I talk to people. Two questions seem to pop up in my discussions with them: 1. Don't all religions worship the same God? 2. Don't good people go to heaven? Andy Stanley sets out to answer the second question (and subtly answers the first) in this book *Since Nobody's Perfect... How Good is Good Enough?* In this short book (90 pages) Andy Stanley tries to ask poignant questions about a common misconception. If you look at most of the religions of the world you realize that there is a common thread holding them all together. All religions seem to base their core beliefs on whether someone does the right things or not, all religions except one of course. Doesn't matter if you look at Islam, Mormonism, Buddhism, or Hinduism their basic premise is focused on doing certain things or enough things to appease god(s). So according to these leading religions if you're good enough you could make it to heaven, nirvana, the next level or where ever else is the ultimate goal. Christianity is different. It isn't necessarily about what you do, it's about your acceptance of what Christ did on the cross. According to Christianity good people and bad people will be in heaven, and good people and bad people will be in hell simply based on their decision about Christ, which the author suggests is really the fairest way of all. Likes: This book is super short, 90 pages, so that anyone could spend an hour and read the entire thing. I also like that it not only answers the question of 'How good is good enough' but also focuses the reader on the gospel of Christ, making sure to present the gospel by the end of the book. Lastly I liked how the question of goodness and fairness were handled, making sure to try and deconstruct those beliefs through logical dialogue.

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