

It's Not Enough

In Mark 10, Jesus was setting out on a journey when he encountered a “good man”.

In a wonderful lesson, Jesus showed the man (and us) that obtaining the deep desire of eternal life is more than keeping rules and regulations. Keeping rules is not enough! Wow! Some might say, “then how can a person please God?”

When asked what it would take to receive eternal life, Jesus stated, “You know the commandments”. (Mark 10:19) Jesus knew all about the man. He knew that he tried to live a righteous life. Jesus looked at him with love (Mark 10:21) and told him that even with keeping the laws, “he lacked one thing”.

This man, (like you and I), could keep rules and yet lack relationship with God. Salvation, and the resulting eternal life, do not come from keeping rules. The apostle Paul said, “man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law”. (Romans 3:28)

What is enough for all of us is relationship with God. Nothing in this life is to come between God and us if we truly desire eternal life. Jesus said, “one thing you lack” and yet he told him two things. He was to give all his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. Nothing, including possessions, should get in the way of the relationship we have with God.

Coming back to the question posed by the disciples: “who can be saved?”, Jesus answered what we all need to hear, “all things are possible with God”. (Mark 10:27). If we follow Jesus “all things are possible...with God.”