



SERIES: Pursuing Spiritual Fitness

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Scripture: Jeremiah 17:9 / Psalm 51:5 / Romans 3:23 / 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 / Luke 19:10

TITLE: The Diagnosis is Not Good

Are people basically good or bad? I don't think anyone would want to say, "bad." Most people today think that people are basically good, but they're working out the kinks. So from time to time, they make mistakes, and people get hurt in the process.

But is this true? Are people basically good? Or are they actually sinful creatures who need serious help? Well, the Bible provides us the answer, and most people may not like it. What do I mean?

Listen to the Bible's assessment of mankind's condition:

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) says,

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

Psalm 51:5 says,

For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

Romans 3:23 says,

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

And the list of verses like this just goes on. You see, we as humans are intimately created. We are spiritual, but we are sinful. We are broken.

You see, this is the story of mankind. We were created very good. We were made in the image of God, but our ancestral parents, Adam and Eve, sinned, according to Genesis 3. That rebellion against God changed the good to bad. And recognizing this is important.

Here at Back to the Bible, your spiritual health is our number one priority. That's why daily, we work to help move you closer to Jesus today than yesterday. But you have to start by knowing your starting point. Our starting point as humans is sinful. We're not basically good. No, we are sinful, and need a Savior to make us good.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (NIV) says,

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ, all will be made alive.

So we are sinful. But we are redeemable. Luke 19:10 says that Christ came to seek and save the lost. And that's exactly what He did.

Now, though we still struggle with sin, we are free. We are new creations, with a new Spirit inside of us. We are no longer broken, but restored. We are no longer bad, but declared righteous - all because of God's Son.

So here's my challenge for you today: Thank God. Take time and thank God for saving and changing you. God's saving power is powerful to save your soul and change your life. That is a reason to praise our God. Take time and thank God for His salvation and His grace in your life.

Then, share below your praise. We are the people of God, and we have the privilege of worshipping together - even here in our digital community.

So let's stop and praise. When we do this, we will win the day.