

Message: Christmas Math

Scripture: Matthew 5:20

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- 1) Inequality sign \neq
- 2) Greater than sign $>$
- 3) Equality sign $=$

1. good \neq good enough
2. righteous $>$ good
3. righteous $=$ good enough

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Matthew 5:20

²⁰ *For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Romans 3:10-11

¹⁰ *as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;*

¹¹ *there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God;*

2. righteous $>$ good
3. righteous $=$ good enough

Philippians 2:6-8

⁶ *Jesus Christ, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

⁷ *but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

⁸ *Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ *and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.*

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

good ≠ good enough

righteous > good

righteous = good enough

John 1:12

¹² And to all who took the Son, the Father gave the right to become His children, even to those who believe in His name,

1 John 5:11-12

¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of the Father does not have the life.