

**The Religious Elite**  
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- I. Are we good because we have God's word? 3:1-4**
  - 1. We have rejected the truths of God's word. 3:1-2
  - 2. We have forgotten the purpose of God's word. 3:3-4
  
- II. Are we good because we show God's righteousness? 3:5-8**
  - 1. Our sin does not accomplish God's plan. 3:5-6
  - 2. Our sin does not bring God glory. 3:7-8
  
- III. Are we good because we are God's people? 3:9-20**
  - 1. Salvation is not your birthright. 3:9-18
  - 2. Condemnation is a birthright. 3:19-20