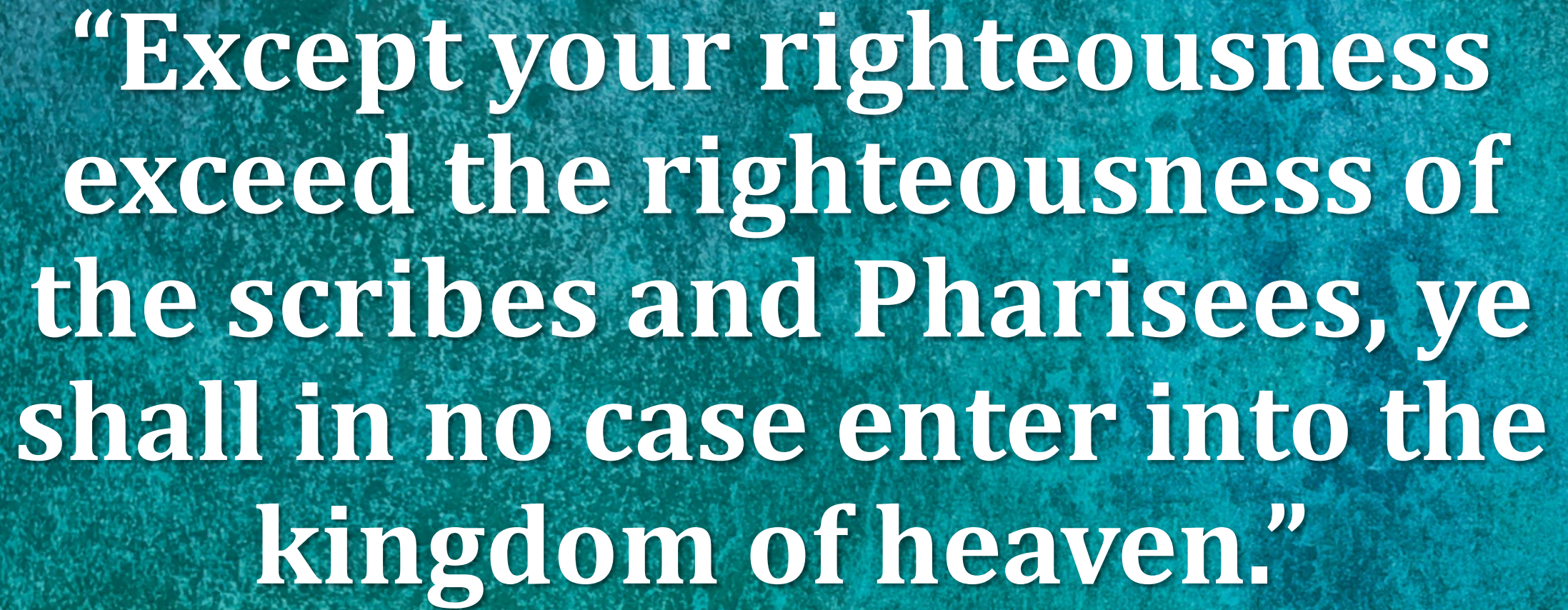


An aerial photograph of a beach with turquoise water and white sand. The water is a vibrant blue-green color, and the sand is a bright white. The beach is curved, and there are some small rocks and debris scattered along the shoreline. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

JESUS CHANGES | EVERYTHING

Matthew 5:17-48

LIVES
HEARTS
FAMILIES
CHURCHES
PEOPLE
LEADERS
PARENTS
CHILDREN

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows clear, turquoise water with visible coral reefs and sandy patches on the seabed. The bottom half shows a white sandy beach with some small rocks and debris. The overall scene is bright and serene.

“Except your righteousness
exceed the righteousness of
the scribes and Pharisees, ye
shall in no case enter into the
kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:20

1. Do not confuse God's standard of righteousness with man's standard of morality.

▪ Just being a good person is not enough to get someone into heaven! *(Matt. 5:20, 48)*

— *Question #1* —

How good must a person be
in order to earn heaven?

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your
Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

Matthew 5:48

— *Question #1* —

How good must a person be
in order to earn heaven?

— *Question #2* —

How can anyone be perfect?

2. It is impossible to live a life good enough to earn heaven.

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top two-thirds of the image are filled with vibrant turquoise water, showing varying shades of blue and green. The bottom third shows a white sandy beach with some small, dark rocks or debris scattered along the shoreline. The text is overlaid on the water portion of the image.

**“For all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God.”**

Romans 3:23



Mongolia

China

South Korea

Japan

Sea of Japan

East China Sea

North
Pacific
Ocean

Hawaii

3,918 miles

Philippines Sea

South
China Sea

Philippines

Vietnam

Thailand

Myanmar
(Burma)

Gulf of
Thailand

Malaysia

Indonesia

Banda Sea

Arafura Sea

Papua New
Guinea

“Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and *thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*”

Micah 7:18-19

“Tashlikh”

“cast off”



Here's the difference

Resting in your good works

VS.

**aware of the ugliness of my
sin; resting in the forgiveness
of Jesus**



Nothing in my hands I bring.
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me;
Let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady

