I. Introduction.
   A. Most people believe that there is a relationship between the quality of life a person has now and where a person ends up in the afterlife.
   B. We need to be challenged about our views of heaven and who goes there.

II. Four reasons why the “good people go to heaven” system seems good.
   A. It appears to be fair.
   B. It appears to be what the Bible teaches on the surface.
   C. Many will go to heaven because on average most are not like the worst people.
   D. If people really believed this view then society would be better off.

III. Problems with the “good people go to heaven” system.
   A. There is no clear standard by which one can be measured, but the Bible does have a standard by which we are measured. (Romans 3)
      1. The Bible has a perfect standard, but nobody will ever be this good.
      2. The Ten Commandments were not given so that we can get to heaven.
   B. There is no way to measure our progress.
   C. If this system is true than Jesus is a liar. (Luke 23)
      1. The thief on the cross was forgiven despite having no chance to do good.
      2. Good people do not go to heaven.
      3. A person can know that he is going to heaven because Jesus died for our sins.

Application questions:
1. How would respond to a person who claims that good people go to heaven?
2. Why is the standard that most people propose for heaven not good enough?
3. What does the thief on the cross tell us about the requirements for heaven? Explain.