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## A Perfect Score

A perfect score in baseball would be to bat 1000. That means you get a hit, and get on base, every time it is your turn to bat. No one bats a thousand.

A perfect score in bowling is 300. That is 12 strikes in a row. It is not too unusual to see a 300 game. (We're talking ten pin bowling.)

A perfect score in golf is 18. That is a hole-in-one on every hole. No one has ever done this.

To get a perfect score on a test is to get 100%, none wrong. You may have gotten many such scores in school.

No one gets a perfect score on everything, every aspect of life. The only perfect life was Jesus'. That means all the rest of us have imperfect (sinful) lives. And the Bible says that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23)

The bad news is: we need a perfect score in order to get into heaven.

The good news is: by our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus (including that we turn our lives over to Him), Jesus' perfect score is applied to us. The Bible says it this way in 2 Corinthians...

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5:21

(NIV)

Of course, the Bible doesn't use the words "perfect score". But it does use the word "righteousness". Righteousness means a perfect life with God. That's what Romans 1:17 is speaking of...

*For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

Romans 1:17

(NIV)

No one but Jesus has lived a perfect life with God. Fortunately, Jesus' perfect life can be applied to us. That means God doesn't count our sins against us. That is good news!

Some sports fans will buy a jersey with the name and number of their favorite player. Putting your faith in Jesus is like putting on Jesus' jersey and then being treated by God like God treats Jesus. Pretty cool!