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## - Consider Your Listening to God

- Do you really t\_\_\_\_\_ God?
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- How do you p\_\_\_\_\_ God?
- **Revealed for Purpose** - Deuteronomy 29:29
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**You Can’t Be Good Enough to Go To Heaven - Church Attendance & Bible Reading Won’t Save You** - (Ephesians 2:8-10) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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