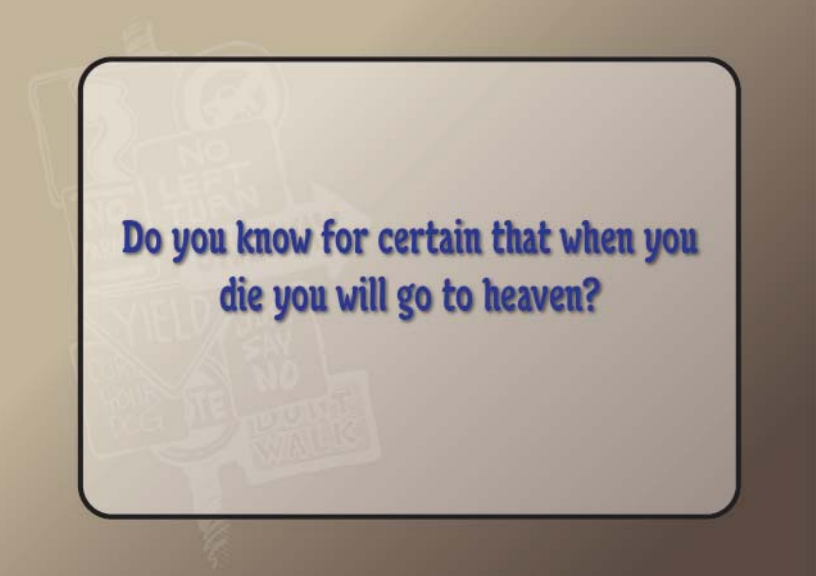




STOP!

And Think About
Where You're
Going



Do you know for certain that when you die you will go to heaven?

If you were standing at the gates of heaven right now and God asked you, “Why should I let you into heaven?”

What would you say to Him?

Let's take a look at what the Bible says about going to heaven.

All Have Sinned

The Bible says that **none of us** are perfect, but that each of us is a sinner.

Romans 3:10

“There is none righteous, **not even one.**”

Romans 3:23

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

What Is Sin?

Sin is described in the Bible as **falling short** of God's perfect standard (Matthew 5:48).

We fall short of His standard when we do wrong things such as lust, gossip, envy, get angry, boast, lie, etc. (Romans 1:28-32).

We also sin by failing to do the right things.

James 4:17

“Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

The Penalty for Sin Is Death

We may think our sins are not that bad, but the Bible says:

Romans 6:23

“The wages of sin is death.”

In the same way we deserve a wage for working, we all deserve death for sinning.

Man



Sin separates
man from God

God



What Is Death?

Death is described in the Bible as separation.

Physical Death Separation from the body.

“The body without the spirit is dead” (James 2:26).

Spiritual Death Separation from God in this life.

“You were dead in your trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1).

Eternal Death Separation from God forever in hell.

“Those who do not know God...these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 1:8,9).

This Is Bad News

The Bible says we have all sinned and the penalty for sin is death—separation from God and heaven.

This means we cannot get to heaven by being a good person, going to church, being baptized, etc. because those works don't pay the penalty for sin.

How then can a sinner know God and get to heaven?



The Good News

Through **Jesus Christ** we can know God and get to heaven!

Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, **but** the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

John 17:3

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God.”

What did Jesus Christ do to make this possible?

Jesus Paid the Penalty for Sin

Jesus, the sinless Son of God (Luke 1:35), died on a cross to pay the penalty for our sin.

Romans 5:8

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

“He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf.”

1 Peter 2:24

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross.”

And Rose from the Dead!

Proving He was the Son of God (Romans 1:4), Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to many people.

1 Corinthians 15:4~6

“He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...after that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time.”



4. Resurrection

Faith Is the Way

Faith (believing, trusting) is the way Jesus Christ's payment for sin is credited to us. When we trust in Jesus our sins are forgiven and we receive eternal life.

Romans 10:9

"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Grace Through Faith

Eternal life is a free gift of God's grace (undeserved favor).
This gift can only be accepted through faith.

Ephesians 2:8,9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”



5. Faith

Faith Is Apart from Works...

We cannot earn God's free gift of eternal life by doing good works.

Isaiah 64:6

"All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment."

Titus 3:5

"He [God] saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy."

Those good works of going to church, being baptized, being a good person, etc. cannot save us.

But Faith Results in Works

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

It isn't enough to believe certain facts about Jesus. Even Satan and his demons believe in the true God, but they are not saved (see James 2:19).

When we have saving faith in Jesus, we will love and obey Him. This means saving faith always results in repentance (turning from sin) and obedience (see Ephesians 2:10).

Which Way Will You Go?

Matthew 7:13, 14

“The gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Jesus has declared:

John 14:6

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Don't Wait to Decide About Christ!

“Now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Acts 17:30, 31

“God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

Is there any reason why you should not receive the free gift of eternal life provided for you in Jesus?

Will You Trust in Him?

To receive the free gift of eternal life, you can trust in Jesus right now.

Romans 10:13

“Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Sample Prayer

“God, I know I’m a sinner. I know my sin deserves death. I believe Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sin and rose from the dead. I turn from my sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for my salvation.”

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