



STOP!

And Think About
Where You're Going

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

God says you can know for sure!

Where do you think you will go when you die?

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

What do you think you would say?

God says you can know where you will spend eternity.

God tells us in His holy Bible:

- “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God (Jesus Christ), in order that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13).

God has made it possible for you to have eternal life.

- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him (Jesus Christ) should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

What is God's desire for you?

God wants you to have eternal life. How do you receive eternal life?

- “The *free gift* of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

This is the greatest gift ever given!

Eternal life gives real meaning to our life today.

Jesus said,

- “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:3).
- “I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

But, we have a problem — Sin!

Sin separates us from God.

God says,

- “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
(Romans 3:23).
- “There is none righteous, not even one”
(Romans 3:10).

We are all sinners by nature and by choice.

We choose to sin and go our own sinful way.

- “There is *none* righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is *none* who seeks for God; *All* have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, there is not even one” (Romans 3:10-12).

We have another problem — We cannot save ourselves.

God says our good works cannot save us!

- “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, that no one should boast” (Eph. 2:8,9).
- “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

Because God is holy and just, He must punish sin.

- “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).
- “Do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28).

God is also loving and merciful and has provided forgiveness for our sin.

- “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy” (Titus 3:5).

There is only one remedy for our sin!

It is *not* baptism.

It is *not* good works.

It is *not* religion.

It is *not* philosophy.

It is *not* morality.

It is *not* sacraments.

It is only through Jesus Christ!

God's provision is Jesus Christ.

- Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (John 14:6).
- “Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God” (1 Peter 3:18).

Jesus is both God and man.

- “He is the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).
- “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30).
- “For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form” (Colossians 2:9).

God Himself, in the Person of Jesus Christ, died in our place.

God's love and justice were both demonstrated at the cross. Jesus, as our substitute, willingly suffered and died — the punishment we deserved. God now offers eternal life to us as a free gift.

Jesus was resurrected from the dead.

- “Jesus who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification” (Romans 4:25).
- Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25,26).

We need to repent of our sins, placing our faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

- John said, “As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12).
- “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved” (Romans 10:9).

Faith means repenting of our sins.

- “Repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance” (Acts 26:20).

Repentance is *not* just feeling sorry for our sins. Repentance is turning from our sin to God through Jesus Christ. It is a change of *mind*, a change of *heart* and a change of *direction*.

Faith means placing our trust in the death and resurrection of Christ.

- “He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life” (John 5:24).
- “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36).

Faith means surrendering to Jesus Christ as Lord.

- Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of my father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

Lord means boss and master. Jesus must be boss and master of your life.

Does what you have been reading make sense to you?

Is there any reason why you would not be willing to receive God's gift of eternal life?

Are you willing to turn from your sin, placing your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ right now?

Receiving Jesus Christ.

1. Admit you are a sinner.
2. Repent — turn from your sin.
3. Believing Jesus Christ died for *you* on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. You must be willing to submit to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Suggested Prayer.

Dear Almighty God,

I know I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I deserve death and hell. I believe Jesus died for my sins on the cross, and rose from the dead. I want to turn from my sins. I ask you to forgive me of all my sins. I now turn over my life to you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for having Jesus die for me. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for saving me.

In Jesus' precious and holy name, Amen.

This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ Jesus.

To grow spiritually you need to:

1. Read your Bible every day to know Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Worship, fellowship and serve with other believers in church.
4. Tell others about Christ
5. Live your life for Christ, not yourself.
6. Obey the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible.

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