

IF YOU WERE TO DIE TODAY...



ARE YOU SURE YOU WOULD
GO TO HEAVEN?

How about you? If you were to die right now, are you sure that you would go to Heaven? _____

This has been called, “Life’s greatest question,” and it is a very important question!

What do you believe a person must do to go to Heaven?

The Bible teaches that some people go to Heaven when they die and some people go to Hell. ***Do you believe that?*** _____

What do you believe is the reason that some people get to go to Heaven and other people have to go to Hell?

We began with the questions above so that you can see what you are trusting to get you to Heaven.

Now we will look at some Bible verses that explain what one must do for God to take him to Heaven.

If what you stated above does not agree with the Bible, will you change your mind to believe what the Bible says? _____

Here are 6 simple truths from the Word of God that explain clearly how we can know for sure that we will go to Heaven when we die.

1. We have all sinned.

Romans 3:23, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”*

Sin is doing wrong. Telling a lie is a sin. Stealing is a sin. Sin is breaking God’s laws. In the Bible God has given us many commandments. When we break any of those commandments, we are guilty of sinning.

- ***Have you ever sinned?*** _____
- ***Are you guilty of breaking any of God’s laws?*** _____

Romans 3:10, *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”*

To be righteous means to be without sin; to be innocent.

You may do many good things. Others may even consider you to be a righteous person. God says, *“There is none righteous”*, because **God sees your heart**. God knows all of the wickedness that you have ever had in your heart. God knows every sin you have ever committed, even the sins that no one else knows about.

- ***According to Romans 3:10, are you righteous in God’s sight?*** _____

No one is righteous in God’s sight because we have all sinned.

So we have seen from the Bible that every one of us has sinned.

2. There is a punishment for sin.

Romans 6:23, *“For the wages of sin is death...”*

The word wages means payment. If I hire you to work for me and I agree to pay you 5 GH cedis for your work, when you finish the work, I will pay you 5 GH cedis. That money is your wages or your payment. Wages are what you deserve for the work you have done.

God says there is a payment or wages for our sin. God says there is something we deserve for our sin.

➤ ***What is the payment or wages for sin?*** _____

Revelation 21:8, *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*

This verse talks about the second death. This is referring to the lake of fire, which is commonly called Hell.

When God says, ***“The wages of sin is death,”*** He is talking about more than your body going to the grave. He is also talking about the second death, which is when your soul is separated from God forever in the lake of fire.

This leads us to an important question, **“Who deserves to go to the lake of fire?”**

Revelation 21:8 lists some wicked people who deserve to go to the lake of fire.

- Murderers - people who wrongfully kill others
- Whoremongers - fornicators and adulterers
- Sorcerers - those involved in witchcraft (Satanic powers)
- Idolaters - idol worshippers
- ***Would you agree that these people deserve to go to the lake of fire? _____***

Notice Revelation 21:8 also says that “all liars” shall have their part in the lake of fire.

- ***If a man tells one lie, that makes him a liar.***
- ***Have you in your entire life ever told a lie? _____***
- ***So, what does that make you? A I _____.***
- ***According to Revelation 21:8 where do you have your part? In the lake of _____.***

Many times people will look at someone they consider to be a wicked person and say, “He is a wicked sinner. He will go to Hell!”

However, the Bible says in **James 2:10**, “*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*”

If we have broken even **one** of God’s laws, the Bible says we are just as guilty as if we had broken **ALL** of God’s laws.

Therefore, we are ALL wicked sinners. We ALL deserve to go to the lake of fire. Our sin is an abomination to God!

➤ ***Because of your sin, where do you deserve to go when you die?*** _____

In conclusion, the second truth you need to understand is that the punishment for your sins is to die and go to the lake of fire.

3. There is nothing we can do to save ourselves.

Please pay attention carefully to the following statements and verses!

Many people think that by giving up their sinful ways, and living a righteous life, that they can be accepted by God and go to Heaven. Many people think that by confessing and forsaking their sin and by obeying God's commandments that they can get to Heaven.

Though these are good things to do, the Bible **DOES NOT** teach that doing these things will get us to Heaven!

Ephesians 2:8 & 9, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

➤ ***We are saved by grace through faith. Salvation is the g _____ of God. Being saved is not of w _____, so that no man will boast or brag about saving himself.***

We do not work for a gift. We do not earn a gift. A gift is free. Someone else paid for it, and we get it for free.

We cannot work to get to Heaven. We cannot earn our way to Heaven by being good.

Titus 3:5, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

➤ **Does God save us because of the works of righteousness that we have done?** _____

Isaiah 64:6, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

➤ **All of our righteous deeds can never make us acceptable to God. They are as f _____ r _____.**

If I brought you a gift box that was wrapped very nice, you would likely be happy to receive it. You would want to look inside to see what I brought for you.

If you opened the gift box and found a dirty, filthy old handkerchief, would you be happy? _____ Would you want to accept this gift? _____

If I gave you a gift like that, would you be insulted that I would offer you a dirty, filthy old rag? _____

When we attempt to be righteous in order to earn our salvation, God is insulted that we would even think that we are righteous enough to be accepted by Him. **Our sins are an abomination to God!**

Romans 3:20, “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

To be justified means to be declared righteous and innocent. In order to go to Heaven, we must be justified in the sight of God.

- **What will NOT make us innocent, according to Romans 3:20? The d _____ of the law.**
- **According to Romans 3:20, who will be justified in God’s sight by the deeds (works) of the law? _____**

If keeping the law will not justify us before God, then that means we are still guilty before Him even if we try to obey His commandments.

Romans 3:28, “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.”

- **Fill in the blank with the correct answer. (Choose a, b, or c.) Man is justified in God’s sight by _____.**
 - a. His faith and the deeds of the law
 - b. His faith alone - without the deeds of the law
 - c. His obedience to God’s commandments

We see from Romans 3:28 that a man is justified by faith alone - without the deeds of the law.

Keeping in mind what you have learned, please answer the following questions.

- ***Can you get to Heaven by doing good works?*** _____
- ***Can you get to Heaven by being righteous?*** _____
- ***Can you get to Heaven by obeying the law?*** _____

If you believed that your own works of righteousness would get you to Heaven, then you have put your trust in something that cannot save you. You need to have a change of mind.

- ***At the beginning of this booklet you wrote down what you believed a person must do to go to Heaven. Were you wrong?*** _____

In conclusion, we have learned:

- 1) We have all sinned.
- 2) The punishment for our sins is to die and go to the lake of fire.
- 3) There is nothing we can do to save ourselves.

4. Jesus died to pay for our sins.

Romans 5:8-9, *“But God commendeth (or showed) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”*

Jesus died in our place. He suffered a very painful death on the cross and He shed His blood for us.

I Corinthians 15:3&4, “...*how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*”

We are sinners. We deserve to die and spend eternity in the lake of fire because of our sin. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins, and God raised Him from the dead, so that we can have eternal life.

Let's review. We have learned:

- 1) We have all _____.
- 2) The punishment for our sins is to die and go to the lake of _____.
- 3) There is nothing we can do to _____ ourselves.
- 4) _____ died to pay for our sins.

5. We are saved from the lake of fire by faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Let's look again at some verses we used earlier.

Ephesians 2:8, “*For by grace are ye saved through FAITH...*”

Romans 3:28, “*Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by FAITH without the deeds of the law.*”

➤ **According to these verses, we are saved or justified by what? F _ _ _ _**

So, it is very important for us to understand what faith means in these verses. **Faith is believing or trusting or relying upon something.**

The questions at the beginning of this booklet were chosen carefully to reveal to you what you are trusting to get to Heaven. Your faith is in the things you listed at the beginning of this booklet.

Remember, there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. In other words, if I am trusting my good works, my righteousness, or my keeping the commandments to get to Heaven, then my faith is in the wrong place!!!

➤ ***You wrote at the beginning of this booklet what you were trusting to get you to Heaven. Was your faith in the wrong place? _____***

Now, let's see where your faith must be in order for you to be saved.

John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

➤ ***What does this verse teach a person must do to have everlasting life? _____***

John 3:36, *“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

➤ **He that _____ on the Son hath everlasting _____. He that believeth _____ the _____ shall not see life.**

Acts 16:30, “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

This man, who was a jailor, is asking Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved. Look at their response:

Acts 16:31, “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”

➤ **Did Paul and Silas tell the jailor to be righteous, or to obey the commandments to be saved? _____**

➤ **What did they tell him to do? _____**

On page 1 of this booklet was the question:

➤ **What do you believe a person must do to go to Heaven?**

Look back at your answer and write it again on these lines.

When Paul and Silas were asked what a person must do to be saved, they said, **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

➤ **Is that the answer you wrote down to the above question? _____**

Before reading this booklet, you may have already known

about Jesus and that He died for your sins.

But, if your answer to the previous question was “No”, then your faith was not in Jesus Christ to save you. You need to stop trusting yourself, or your goodness, or whatever else you were trusting, and put your faith in **JESUS ALONE** as your only hope of Heaven.

6. Once you are saved from the lake of fire, you are always saved from the lake of fire.

We have learned from Romans 6:23 that the gift of God is E _____ life.

For the following questions, fill in the blank with the correct answer. (Choose a, b, or c.)

➤ ***If something is eternal, for how long will it last? _____***

- a) 1 year
- b) 1,000 years
- c) Forever - there is no end

➤ ***Therefore, when a person believes on Jesus alone for salvation and receives the gift of eternal life, for how long are they saved? _____***

- a) They are saved until they sin again.
- b) They are saved as long as they turn from their sin after they do something wrong.
- c) They are saved forever; they can never lose their salvation.

If your answer to the above question is **a or b** please pay attention carefully to the following verses and statements.

John 5:24, “...*He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*”

When a person believes on Jesus Christ for salvation, they have **EVERLASTING LIFE** and they **WILL NOT COME INTO C** _____.

Condemnation means judgment or damnation. This verse is speaking of the judgment of being sent to the lake of fire.

Therefore, God’s promise to those who put their faith in Jesus Christ is that **they will never be sent to the lake of fire for their sins.**

When you believe on Jesus to save you, He saves you completely. His blood covers **ALL your sins** - past, present, and future.

The Bible teaches that when we place our faith in Jesus that we become the children of God.

Galatians 3:26, “*For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*”

Once you become the child of God, you will never be cast out of God’s family. You are safe and secure. You are headed to Heaven. You will never be separated from God in the lake of fire.

So what happens to believers when they sin? Since believers are saved forever, meaning they will never go to the lake of

fire, does this mean believers can live wicked lives, fulfilling their sinful desires with no consequences? **NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT!**

If you choose to continue in sin, God will chasten or punish you. **Hebrews 12:6**, *“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.”*

There are many different ways that God punishes His disobedient children - none of them are pleasant! One of His punishments is even physical death.

However, no matter what sin a child of God commits, God will never punish His child by sending him to the lake of fire. God gives His children (believers) the gift of **ETERNAL LIFE**, and He will never take that gift away from them.

➤ ***Is it possible for someone who has believed on Jesus for salvation to go to the lake of fire? _____***

In conclusion, the Bible plainly teaches:

- **You have sinned**
- **You deserve to go to the lake of fire because of your sin**
- **You cannot do anything to save yourself**
- **You must believe on Jesus Christ alone to save you**
- **Once you are saved, you are always saved**

If you believe these truths and you want to be saved today, then tell God in a prayer something like this,

“Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I know that I deserve to go to the lake of fire because of my sin. I believe You died to pay for my sins, and I believe God raised You from the dead. I trust You, and only You, to save me and to take me to Heaven when I die. Thank you for saving me today. Amen.”

Acts 16:31 says, “...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved....”

Did you just believe on Jesus to save you? _____ According to this verse, has God saved you from the lake of fire? _____ So, if you die now, where will you go? _____

CONGRATULATIONS! If you believed on Jesus Christ to save you, please let us know so that we can rejoice with you!
