

What do you think about eternity? Do you think about eternity? Do you think about where you will go when you die? The Bible says there is a time to be born and a time to die (Ecc 3:2). We are all going to die at some point, the question is where will you spend eternity? Do you believe Heaven and Hell are real places? Did you know the Bible says they exist...

DO YOU BELIEVE IN HEAVEN?

The Bible says it exists.

John 14:2-3 “In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 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.

Luke 23:43 “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

2 Cor 5:8 We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

1 Thess 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN HELL?

The Bible says it exists.

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST WAY TO GET TO HEAVEN? IS IT BY:

Keeping the Ten Commandments?

Giving Gifts to Charity?

Being a Good Person and Leading a Good Life?

Trying to Obey the Golden Rule?

Giving Money to the Church, Attending Services Regularly and Maybe Joining?

Praying? Fasting? Baptism? Communion? Confirmation? Penances?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE, GOD'S HOLY WORD, SAY ABOUT HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN?

Are you trying to obey the Ten Commandments, God's absolute rules for living. No man has ever perfectly kept all of God's laws – except for God's only Son, **JESUS**. A person will never reach Heaven through his or her own efforts.

THIS IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His (God's) sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin"

What about gifts to charity, and being a good person, treating others good, trying to lead a good life, trying to obey the Golden Rule? Why isn't that good enough?

HERE'S WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT OUR GOOD WORKS:

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast.

Romans 3:10 As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one.

Well you know I go to church all the time, and I donate to the church, and I pray, and fast occasionally, doesn't God see that?

Isaiah 64:6 We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags.

I have also been baptized, made my communion and confirmation. That has to mean something right?

HERE'S WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT BAPTISM:

Acts 8:12-13 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip....

When they believed....they were baptized. They were baptized *after* believing.

Colossians 2:12 Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

Baptism is identifying with Christ. It is an outward symbol of an inward reality - the new life. It is not salvation. Christ Himself was baptized.

WELL THEN IF EVERYTHING I AM DOING CAN'T GET ME TO HEAVEN, THEN HOW CAN I GET TO HEAVEN? IS ANYBODY GOING TO HEAVEN THEN?

Glad you asked this question, the great news is that there is a way to get to heaven and the Bible tells us that it is through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

HERE'S WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET TO SPEND ETERNITY WITH GOD:

John 3:16–17 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. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Acts 16:30-31 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...

John 3:3-6 Jesus answered and said to him, Verily, verily, I say to thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith to him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say to thee, Except a man be born of water, and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit.

John 5:24 He that hears 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.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him, is not condemned; but he that believeth not, is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 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.

So when you trust in Jesus you are saved and are destined to spend eternity in Heaven. Will you accept God's way of salvation?