

## You Must Realize

### 1. You are a sinner.

All of us have broken the commandments of God at one time or another. Therefore, we are all sinners and guilty before a holy God.

There is none righteous, no, not one. Romans 3:10

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

When compared to God's standard of goodness, nobody is good enough to go to heaven because everybody has sinned against God. The Bible reveals that we have all committed "many offences," (Romans 5:16) and "a multitude of sins" (James 5:20). However, it really only takes one sin to make us guilty of God's entire law.

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

Again, there is not a single person on this earth that is good enough to earn heaven. In order for a person to be good enough to go to heaven, a person would have to be without sin. However, there remains a serious setback:

There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Ecclesiastes 7:20

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

### 2. There is a penalty on sin.

The Bible teaches us how sin entered into the world. It entered through one man named, Adam. Adam disobeyed God's command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Because of Adam's disobedience, sin entered into the world, (Genesis 2 & 3). From there on, sin has passed on to every individual that has been born into this sinful world.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Romans 5:12

The above verse also teaches us that sin brought death into the world. Simply put, all of us shall one day depart from this life because all of us have sinned. More importantly, however, the Bible teaches that death is *more* than just physical. Sin also causes a spiritual death which the Bible calls "the second death." When a sinner dies, not only does the soul separate from the body, the soul is then separated from God into an eternal place of punishment.

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**. Revelation 21:8

The Bible clearly teaches that sin is what condemns people to this eternal place of fire and torment; and because all have sinned, then all are condemned to such perdition.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:41-42

The wicked shall be turned into hell. Psalms 9:17

Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire, and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. Psalms 11:6

Once more, because all have sinned, then all have fallen short of the glory of God, and are condemned to everlasting destruction, fire, and punishment, while being eternally separated from the presence of God.

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. 2 Thessalonians 1:9-10

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... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matthew 24:41, 46

### 3. Jesus paid the price for your sin.

The Bible reveals that God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," 2 Peter 3:9. God has loved you, and has provided the way for you to be saved! God sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to bear your sins upon his own body. Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day as proof that he conquered sin and death for you.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree. 1 Peter 2:24

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. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus Christ is the only person to have lived a perfect, sinless life. Therefore, Jesus can save anyone, even the most sinful and vile of sinners.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25.

### 4. Heaven is a free gift from God.

When Jesus died upon the cross, he purchased, with his very own shed blood, the gift of eternal life for you.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Because we are all sinners, not one of us could ever possibly work to earn our own way to heaven. This means a person's religion, denomination, baptism, civility, or any good works highly esteemed by man, could never take them to heaven. This is precisely why the Lord Jesus Christ came to die on the cross. This was to pay for the very sins we could never pay for ourselves! Moreover, eternal life is not something that can be earned and worked for: it is a "free gift" that God wants to give you. The Bible calls this benevolent act, the "grace of God," (Romans 5:15-16).

The gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:15

The Holy Bible clearly defines for us what the true character of grace is like. Grace completely excludes any personal and religious works on our part.

And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. Romans 11:6

Simply put, if a person could enter heaven on behalf of their own good works, they would be able to boast in their own goodness, and not in God. As a result, God would not be glorified, and the sinner would then be filled with destructive pride..

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. Ephesians 2:8-9

### 5. You must personally receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

The Bible clearly teaches that Christ Jesus is the only way to heaven. Our sins have been entirely paid for through his shed blood on the cross. In addition, he ever lives to grant eternal life to all who choose to place their faith and trust in him alone for salvation.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

The above verse is a wondrous promise from God that you could know for sure that you are going to heaven when you die. God so desires for you to have this blessed assurance of salvation in your heart. He wants you to *know* that you have eternal life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

Again, eternal life is only found in Jesus Christ.



He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John 5:12

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

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. John 3:16

The following are some additional verses from the holy scriptures that reveal to us the need to fully trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in Him alone, to be saved.

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6:28-29

The keeper of the prison...said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:27-31

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

If you realize that you have sinned against a holy God, that you deserve hell as the payment for your sin, that Jesus died on the cross and paid for your sin, and that salvation is the free gift of God, then you must simply ask Jesus to forgive your sins and save your soul. The Lord is alive today in heaven, and will gladly hear your sincere prayer. Receive the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your heart this very moment. Now is the accepted time, because you do not know that you shall have tomorrow. From your own heart, you could sincerely pray to Jesus something like this:

*Dear Jesus, I know I'm a sinner and that you died and rose from the dead for me. Please forgive me of all my sin, and take me to heaven when I die. Thank you for saving me just like you promised. Amen.*

## A Thorough Explanation On Eternal Salvation

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This worthy subject concerns the salvation of your precious soul. The Holy Scriptures clearly reveal what you *must* do to be saved and have a home in heaven when you die. It is my sincere prayer that you would read attentively this in-depth review on the matter of greatest importance in your life.