

Please take a minute to read this.

It is very important.

Get out a pen or pencil and select the following things you think a person would have to do to go to Heaven, or things that would help him to get to Heaven.

- #1) Obeying the 10 commandments
- #2) Living a good life
- #3) Going to church
- #4) Helping others
- #5) Doing your best
- #6) Fasting
- #7) Helping the poor
- #8) Saying our daily prayers
- #9) Getting baptized
- #10) Taking communion
- #11) Growing up in a Christian home
- #12) Getting confirmed
- #13) Paying penances
- #14) Extreme unction

It really doesn't matter what I think or what anyone else thinks about going to Heaven. It only matters what God thinks. Let's look first at what God says about these things.

#1 - No one other than Jesus has ever kept all the ten commandments.

Romans 3:28, *"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified (made just as if I'd never sinned) by faith without the deeds of the law."*

#2 - This is impossible because no one is good.

Matthew 19:17, *"...there is none good but one, that is, God:..."*

#3-#6 - All these things are works, and works cannot save me or have a part in saving me.

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 ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

#7-#8 - Going to Heaven is totally not of works. If we add one work to grace, then it becomes works.

Romans 11:6, *“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”*

#9-#10 - These are things a person is supposed to do after they are saved, but they have nothing to do with salvation.

Romans 4:5, *“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”*

#11 - It is not being born physically that gets us to Heaven, but it is being born into God’s family that gets us there.

John 3:3, *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

#12-#14 - These are all man-made ordinances, and they are not in the Bible. Therefore, they have nothing to do with going to Heaven.

Matthew 15:9, *“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”*

Since none of these ways can take us to Heaven or even help us to get there, there has to be another way. It is not in something good we do; however, it has to do with a person named Jesus Christ.

THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

1John 5:11-13 *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

*13 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**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”*

1. We Are All Sinners.

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

Romans 3:12 *They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

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

Romans 5:12 *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:*

2. There's A Price On Sin, And That Price Is Hell.

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

Revelation 20:14-15 *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

3. Jesus Paid That Price Because He Was Our Substitute.

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

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.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

4. Jesus Will Save You If You Will Just Put Your Trust In Him.

Romans 10:9-10 *That 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. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

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

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

John 6:47 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.*

Eternal Security - Eternally Secure

Psalms 32:1-2

1 *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

2 *Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

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Romans 4:6-8

6 *Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,*

7 *Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.*

8 *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

Romans 8:37-39

37 *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

38 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

39 *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

If you understand these facts and want to go to Heaven by accepting Jesus as your gift from God, you can! Simply put your trust in Jesus and ask Him to save you. If you would like to be saved, pray this prayer trusting Christ.

Dear Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner, and I know that I deserve Hell. Jesus, please save me and give me the gift of Heaven. Jesus, I trust only You to take me there. Amen.

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

If you just asked Jesus to save you, then, according to the Bible, you are on your way to Heaven. It is not anything good you did to take you to Heaven. It is trusting in what Jesus did on the cross that takes you to Heaven.

The first thing Jesus wants you to do now that you are on your way to Heaven is to go to church. Church does not save you, but it does help you to grow in the Christian life; it helps you to be what God now saved you to be. Just like a person who plays football has a coach and a playing field, a Christian has a coach (pastor) and a playing field (church). A coach and a football field

don't make him a football player; they just make him a better football player. Going to church doesn't make a person a Christian, but it helps a Christian to be a better Christian. Just like you would ask the coach a question about football, you can ask the pastor a question about the Bible or the Christian life.

Many people will say they already have a church that they attend. It just makes sense to me to go to the church where someone cared enough to give you this tract to try to help you make sure you are on your way to Heaven. At least give it a try, and visit one time.

If you didn't just ask Jesus to save you and you have some more questions, please come and visit or give the pastor a call. He would love to answer your questions.

Five Reasons For Every Christian To Live Right After They Are Saved

Salvation is a free gift.

You can't live right for a gift.

You live right because of the gift.

So then, why do I need to live for God?

"...every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Romans 14:12

1. Because you love Him

After all He's given you, you should want to serve Him.

1 John 4:8-10 "We love him, because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19

2. Because you will enjoy Heaven more

Living for Jesus instead of this world will help you enjoy Heaven.

Luke 15:10

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Romans 8:18

1 John 2:28

3. Because you will gain rewards

Jesus will reward you for living right for Him.

1 Corinthians 3:8-15

Romans 14:10-12

Crowns or rewards

Incorruptible crown

1 Corinthians 9:25

Crown of rejoicing

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

Crown of righteousness

2 Timothy 4:8

Crown of glory

1 Peter 5:4

Crown of life

James 1:12; Revelation 2:10

4. Because it will determine your job in Heaven

Your faithfulness to Christ is rewarded with a position of leadership.

Matthew 25:21, 23

Luke 19:17

5. Because you will reap what you sow

We will reap what we sow in this life.

Galatians 6:7-8

Proverbs 11:18

Hosea 8:7

2 Corinthians 9:6

