

John 3:16



Words to Find:
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Salvation Is a Gift

Salvation is not earned; it is a gift from God to all that will receive it:

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“But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many

be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.” Rom. 5:15

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

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” Eph. 2:8

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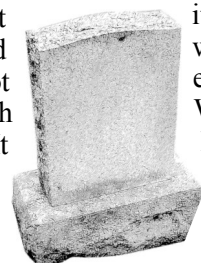



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If You Were to Die Today

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The most important question everyone should be able to answer is not “Do you have enough money in the bank?” It also is not, “Do you have the nicest car or home that you could buy?” It certainly is not, “Are you the most popular or most liked person in your area?” It is not even, “Are you the best person you can be?” The most important question that all should be able to answer correctly, is “If I were to die today, tomorrow, or 100 years from now, am I 100% positive that I will go to heaven?”



That answer can be “Yes,” if one has done what God says one should do to have His promise of eternity with Him. “I hope so”, “possibly”, or “maybe I’m going to heaven” are answers that usually indicate one is trusting in their own means, or a religion’s way of getting to Heaven. One’s own way, ideas, hopes, or even

one’s goodness are not ways that the Bible says will get anyone higher than the coffin lid. Since it is God’s heaven, only His way matters in spending an eternity with Him. God’s Way, according to what God has made sure is preserved in His Word, is:

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Contrary to What God Has Said

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Man has come up with many different ways he hopes, or thinks will get him to heaven. Here are some of the common ways that people believe will get them to heaven, and what the Bible says about those ideas:

☞ “If I do many good things, and my ‘good’ outweighs my ‘bad’, God will let me into Heaven.”

God says, *“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.” Eph. 2:8-9*

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To know that you are a sinner. Sin is the breaking of any of God's commandments. Sin includes lying, thievery, adultery, idolatry, coveting, backbiting, gossip, unkindness, disobedience to parents, jealousy and disobedience to any of God's commandments. We are sinners, if we break just one of His laws. All are sinners.

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

"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:" Rom. 5:12

There is a penalty for sinning. The price tag for commission of sin is eternity in the Lake of Fire.

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

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15 Also: James 1:15, Rev. 20:14.

There is good news, however. Even though we are all sinners, God loves us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Jesus' blood that was shed on the cross is the only payment God will

accept as payment for our sins.

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

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. ... but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [atoning sacrifice that is payment] for our sins." I John 4:9-10

If we accept and believe that Jesus died for our sins and that He arose from the dead, we can be saved from Hell. Our faith in trusting that Jesus' death alone is payment for our sins saves us!

"That if thou shalt confess [to acknowledge] with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Mat. 10:32

After a last breath is taken from this world, eternity in Heaven or Hell awaits everyone. Are you absolutely positive, when you leave this world, that you will open your eyes in Heaven? If not, you can change that by doing what the Bible says. Admit you are a sinner and not

headed to heaven, believe that Jesus' payment for sin is the only payment God accepts, and ask the Lord to save you.

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21

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☞ "I'm a good person, and will go to Heaven."

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

☞ "There are different ways to get to heaven."

God says, *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6*

☞ "I am going to heaven, because I am religious."

God says, *"And then will I profess unto them [those that were trusting in their religious acts], I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [sin]." Mat. 7:23*

☞ "I do exactly what my religion teaches, and God wouldn't send all of us to hell."

God says, *"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:"*

Mat. 7:13

☞ "God won't send anyone to hell."

God says, *"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:" Mat. 25:41

☞ "I am going to heaven because I was baptized (or performed some other religious ritual)."

God says, *"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;" Tit. 3:5*

☞ "I pray to the saints and to Mary. They will let me in the back-door of heaven."

God says, *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" I Tim. 2:5*

☞ "I'm trusting in the ten commandments to get me to Heaven."

God says, *"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Gal. 2:16*

Besides, most that are trusting in the ten commandments cannot recite them, cannot keep them, and do not realize there are not just ten commandments, but there are over 600 of them!

"We are saved by someone's doing for us what we could not do for ourselves." — Lester.

"Salvation is free to you, because someone else paid for it."