

THE GOOD NEWS

The good news is that God loves you so much that he wants you to know for sure you can go to Heaven when you die! You may be thinking that nobody can know for sure. Listen to the promise God gives us in His Word. (The Bible)

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”
1 John 5:13

Is it possible to want to go to heaven and not be able to?

Jesus said many will seek to enter heaven and will not be able to.
Luke 13:24

But you may be saying, “I’m a pretty good person; isn’t that good enough to make it?”

Let’s find out!

No one is good enough because we have all broken God’s law, the ten commandments, with these results.

The Ten Commandments

1. “I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me.”
2. “You shall not make for yourself any carved image.” (*idol*).
3. “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”
4. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy.”
5. “Honor your father and mother.”
6. “You shall not kill.”
7. “You shall not commit adultery.”
8. “You shall not steal.”
9. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
10. “You shall not covet.” (*desiring something that belongs to someone else*)

RESULTS

Forming our own ideas about God in our mind qualifies for idolatry.

“Idolaters...will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer.
“...no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”
1 John 3:15

Jesus said if you look at a woman lustfully you have committed adultery in your heart.
“Adulterers...will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
1 Corinthians 6:9-10

“Thieves...will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
1 Corinthians 6:10

“All liars shall have their place in the lake of fire.” (Hell)
Revelation 21:8

“No covetous man has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”
Ephesians 5:5

Because we have broken the ten commandments we are under God’s curse.

Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law (ten commandments) to do them.
Galatians 3:10

By now you are probably thinking, “I thought this was suppose to be good news?”

THE GOOD NEWS IS:

“Christ has redeemed (rescued) us from the curse of the law having become a curse for us.”
Galatians 3:13

Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin.

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”
1 Peter 3:18

The only one who can forgive sin is God. Jesus Christ showed he is God by rising from the dead.

“...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that He rose the third day... and that He was seen by Peter, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred...”
1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Jesus is the only way to God in Heaven.

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, That whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

Receiving Jesus Christ results in having eternal life.

“But as many as received Him (Jesus) to them He gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

“And this is the testimony that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the son has life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

1 John 5:11-12

How can we receive Jesus Christ?

FIRST: We need to repent (change our thinking) admitting we have sinned and broken God’s laws. Jesus said *“Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”*

Luke 13:5

SECOND: We need to call upon Jesus in prayer, asking him to save us and enter our life. For *“whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

Romans 10:13

Does this make sense to you?
Would you invite Jesus Christ into you life today?

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