



# How?

**Discover how to have Eternal Life.**

# How can I know . . .

Meaning in life?

Forgiveness of sins?

Freedom from guilt?

Happiness?

Fulfillment?

How can I know  
for certain  
about my  
eternal  
destiny?

# 2 Questions

**If** you were to die right now or five years from now, are you 100% sure that all of your sins (past, present and future) are forgiven, and that you have eternal life?

**What** do you think you must depend on to receive forgiveness of sin and eternal life? Anything else?

Not real sure?

 ***“These things have I written unto you . . . that ye may know that ye have eternal life.”***

I John 5:13


The living God who created the heavens and the earth provided the Bible—the Word of God—to explain the good news:

 ***“Christ died for our sins . . . and that he rose again.”*** 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

# Sin is the Problem.


“Christ died for **our sins.**”

**Have you ever met a perfect person?**

 *“For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.”*

Ecclesiastes 7:20

**But what is sin?**


 *“. . . for sin is the transgression [breaking] of the law.”* 1 John 3:4

**What are some examples?**

“Thou shalt not...take God’s name in vain...  
commit adultery...steal...lie...covet.”


(From the Ten Commandments)

But won't my good works outweigh my bad works?

 *“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”* Matthew 5:48

The standard for heaven is God Himself  
—**perfection!**

If three people were lined up at the Grand Canyon to see who could jump across, no doubt some would jump farther than others. But obviously all would fall short of making it across. **The same is true spiritually.**

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

If this were all we knew—that God's standard is absolute perfection, and yet we all have sinned—how many would make it to heaven on their own ability? Obviously, no one.

# Judgment is the consequence.


“Christ **died** for our sins.”

## Is judgment deserved?

 “*For the wages of sin is death.*” Romans 6:23

Just as you earn **wages** at a job,  
you earn **death** because of sin.

But even people who go to heaven die physically, so it  
must mean more than physical death.

 “*the lake of fire. This is the second death.*”

Revelation 20:14

As physical death is the separation of the soul from  
the body, the second death is eternal separation  
from God in the lake of fire.

## Is judgment real?

 *Jesus called it “everlasting fire.”*

Matthew 18:8 *And “hell fire.”* Mark 9:47


## Is judgment necessary?

 *“... a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”* Deuteronomy 32:4

 *“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”* Genesis 18:25

If God **overlooked** your sin and let you into heaven anyway, would that be justice?

## Do I deserve judgment?

 *“...and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”* Revelation 21:8

Hard news,  
I know.  
But there is  
better news  
to come . . .



# Christ alone is the answer!

**“Christ** died for our sins.”

**This is the good news!**



*“I declare unto you the **gospel.**”*

1 Corinthians 15:1






## God's love provides the solution.


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

## Jesus Christ is God in human form.

 *“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**”* Matthew 1:23




## The message of good news is that ...

 “. . . **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



**What did Christ accomplish?**

**Christ suffered for us.**

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

**Christ’s payment was in full.**

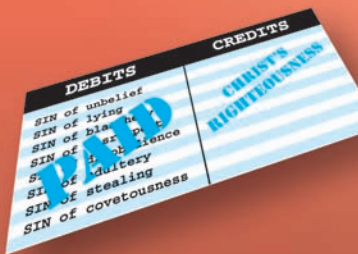
 *“It is finished.”* John 19:30

Since Jesus paid it all, **is there anything left for you to pay?**

**Christ offers His righteousness.**

 *“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.”* II Corinthians 5:21

**Your sin was credited to Christ so that His righteousness might be credited to you.**



DEBITS	CREDITS
SIN of unbelief	CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
SIN of lying	
SIN of blasphemy	
SIN of pride	
SIN of disobedience	
SIN of adultery	
SIN of stealing	
SIN of covetousness	


**When Christ rose again, He conquered sin, death, and hell.**

# Saving Faith


“...and so ye **believed.**”

## What Believing in Jesus is:


Anyone may believe.

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

The issue is not the act of prayer, but belief (faith) in the heart.

 *“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?”* Romans 10:14

The belief is not merely **about** Jesus, but **in** Jesus.

 *“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

Sin is the problem → I have sinned

Hell is the consequence → I deserve hell

Christ alone is the answer → Christ is my only hope

**I MUST depend on Christ to save me from sin and hell!**

To only **understand** and **agree** falls short at “believing **about** Jesus.” To understand, agree, **and depend** on Jesus as your Savior constitutes “**believing in Jesus.**”

This transfer of trust is changing your thinking or “repentance.”

## **Believing in Jesus is not . . .**

- Merely trusting God to help you in a crisis, although that may be real; **it is trusting Jesus to save you from sin and hell.**
- Just asking Jesus to save you; **it is trusting Him to do it.**
- Trusting in Jesus and something else; **it is trusting Jesus alone to do all the saving.**

Just as straddling one’s weight over two halves of two adjacent chairs would reveal a mistrust in either one of the chairs as a single chair, so a split trust reveals a mistrust in Christ alone.




**Saving faith is  
simple faith in  
Christ alone.**

# Salvation Promises


## 1 Forgiveness of sins

 *“Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission [forgiveness] of sins.”* Acts 10:43

## 2 Credited Righteousness


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

## 3 Eternal Life

 *“He that believeth on me [Jesus Christ] hath everlasting life.”* John 6:47

Can you have eternal life just for a little while? No. It is forever! Better yet, in 1 John 1:2 Jesus is called **“that eternal life.”** The Christian life is receiving the Life of Christ.


**Believing in Christ is the most important decision you will ever make!**

 *“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.”* John 3:18

# Vital Decision

Do you believe that Jesus can and would save you from sin and hell if you asked Him to?

**God says . . .**

 *“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”* II Corinthians 6:2b

**Since the Lord Jesus Christ is willing to save you from sin and hell, are you willing to depend on Him to do so right now?**

**HERE’S HOW**

Simply tell God you are putting your trust in Him. For example, tell God . . .

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I know I deserve the judgment of hell. But I also know You paid my judgment when You died for me and rose again. The best I know how, I’m trusting You to save me from sin and hell. I am placing my dependence only on You to forgive my sins, credit Your righteousness to my account, and give me eternal life. Thank You for saving me. Amen.

■ Did you, just now—the best you know how—transfer your dependence to Christ alone to save you from sin and hell? **If so, God's Word affirms you now have eternal life!**

- If you were to die today, where would you go?
- If you die five years from now, where will you go?
- If you had died yesterday (before you made this decision), where would you have gone?

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