



**Free Guide for Instant,
Guaranteed Entrance into
Heaven (No Matter Who You
Are or What You Have Done)**

No matter who you are or what you have done—whether good or completely evil—God’s Son, Jesus Christ, has provided the way (the **only** way) for you to get into heaven. It is scriptural, it is guaranteed, and it is instant. Even if you have lived an entire life of evil, and are moments away from dying, be assured that Jesus Christ provided the way for you to be forgiven of all your sins, and enter heaven—if **you agree to submit your will to Him completely.**

“Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, ‘If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.’ But the other [criminal], answering, rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’ ” (Luke 23: 39-43)

To find out what you must do to receive God’s **free gift** of eternal life in heaven, simply go to the last page of this packet. However, most people will not have enough faith to believe that it is so easy. For that reason, everything else in this packet, beginning at this point, is designed to build up your faith, so that when you actually reach the last page, you will have enough faith to receive His free gift.

***All quotations in this guide are from the Bible (NKJV), with the exception of one quotation, which is credited in this way: “Matthew McGee (<http://www.matthewmcgee.org/prophesy.html>)”**

The Divine Inspiration of Scripture (the Bible)

The Bible tells the truth about God and man. This is the main reason why many people now reject it. The world presents God **only as a God of love** who will never punish sin because of His love. The Bible, on the other hand, shows that God is indeed a God of love—so much so that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for our sins; however, He is also a God of justice who will demand an account of all those who die in their sins on judgment day. He is the Creator of both heaven and hell. The Bible says “God is love.” (1 John 4:8) At the same time it also says, “Knowing, therefore, **the terror of the Lord**, we persuade men...” (2 Corinthians 5:11) Furthermore, it says, “...**our God is a consuming fire.**” (Hebrews 12:29)

The world considers mankind to be naturally good, continually evolving into something better. The world is continually excusing and covering their sins. The Bible, on the other hand, shows mankind as naturally evil, going from bad to worse. It exposes mankind's sin and shows his need for a Savior (Jesus Christ) to save him from his sins.

The so-called "experts" of today who refuse to submit themselves to God in heaven continually create misguided theories which discredit the Bible and the God of the Bible Himself. Out of ignorance and darkened hearts, these people, who are less than the common amoeba in God's sight, have set themselves up as authority figures, amassing followers after themselves, and leading the world astray. The idea that there is a God in heaven who is smarter than them is offensive to them. Out of willful ignorance they fail to realize that God, who is the Creator, is not subject to their misguided scientific theories or even science itself. God created the laws of science. He is not subject to the laws of science. It is the other way around; and he can change these scientific laws anytime He pleases. That which seems miraculous in the minds of common mortal man is like nothing in the eyes of God. For the so-called "geniuses" of today to question God's power is beyond laughable. It's madness. For one such as these to try to analyze God with their pea-sized brains is like a man standing ten feet in front of the sun with a lit match and declaring the two to be equal. Complete madness!

The Bible (commonly referred to as "scripture" and "the word of God") is God's ultimate and only instruction guide for mankind. It is completely without error in the original manuscripts.

The apostle Paul confirmed the inspiration of scripture: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God [literally: "God-breathed"], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...." (2 Timothy 3:16)

The apostle Peter recognized the apostle Paul's writings as scripture: "...as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, **as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.**" (2 Peter 3:15-16)

"For the word of God [**the Bible**] is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Jesus confirmed the accuracy of the Old Testament scriptures: "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle [These are like the dot of an "i" or the cross of a "t"] will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." (Matthew 5:17-18)

Jesus and the New Testament writers confirmed the historical authenticity of the events recorded in the Old Testament scriptures:

- The Jews walking through the Red Sea: "By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned." (Hebrews 11:29)
- Jonah in the fish's belly for three days: Jesus said, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:40)
- The collapse of the walls of Jericho: "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days." (Hebrews 11:30)
- The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire and brimstone from heaven: Jesus said, "...but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all." (Luke 17:29)
- The worldwide flood: "For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water." (2 Peter 3:5-6)
- The worldwide flood and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah: [God]"did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes..."(2 Peter 2:5-6)
- Moses and the burning bush: Jesus said, "But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?'" (Mark 12:26)

"The Bible was written by about 40 different writers scattered over a period of about 1500 years. The writers could not have collaborated on the effort, since they lived in different periods of time. Yet the Bible has the unity of a book written by one Author. There are many prophecies in the Old Testament, going as far back as Genesis, which prophesy things which will not be completed until the future events described in the book of Revelation take place. Are we to believe that the Old Testament prophets each decided to write the beginning of a great story and then said, 'Maybe in a thousand

years or so, someone will come along and write a good ending to this'? That would be ridiculous. No man would decide to do such a thing on his own, much less a large group of men who did not know each other or even live at the same time. Therefore, the unity of scripture despite a diversity of writers is evidence of the Bible's divine authorship." — Matthew McGee (<http://www.matthewmcgee.org/prophesy.html>)

There are countless Bible prophecies which have been fulfilled throughout history, and many are still being fulfilled today. Many of these can be found on the internet.

Archaeology is continually uncovering new evidence proving that events recorded in the Bible are true; including the worldwide flood of Noah's day and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. These can also be found on the internet.

The Bible is clearly supernatural in origin, with God as its supreme director, orchestrator, and author.

The Total Depravity of Mankind

We define our own goodness by comparing ourselves to other people, and by how society defines goodness, which continually changes based on the latest popular trends and opinions, rather than **God's** standard of goodness, which **never** changes:

"But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." (2 Corinthians 10:12)

There is no such thing as a good person. Only God is good:

Jesus said: "No one is good but One, that is, God." (Matthew 19:17)

"No one is good but One, that is, God." (Mark 10:18)

"No one is good but One, that is, God." (Luke 18:19)

(That statement applies to the whole human race.)

Jesus said we are **ALL** evil:

"If **you** then, **being evil**, know how to give good gifts to your children...."
(Matthew 7:11)

"If **you** then, **being evil**, know how to give good gifts to your children...."
(Luke 11:13)

"What is man, that he could be pure, and he who is born of a woman, that he could be righteous? If God puts no trust in His saints, and the heavens are not pure in His sight, how much less man, who is abominable and filthy, who drinks iniquity like water!" (Job 15:14-16)

"Most men will proclaim each his own goodness...." (Proverbs 20:6)

"There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness." (Proverbs 30:12)

"Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?'" (Proverbs 20:9)

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

The prophet Isaiah said: "But we are **all** like an unclean thing, and **all** our righteousnesses are **like filthy rags**...." (Isaiah 64:6)

"As it is written: 'There is **none** righteous, no, not one.' " (Romans 3:10)

"...that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before God.**" (Romans 3:19)

"...**all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...." (Romans 3:23)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8)

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him [God] a liar, and His word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)

"For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin." (Ecclesiastes 7:20)

"Also He [Jesus] spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess." And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself

will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.' " (Luke 18:9-14)

The scribes and Pharisees were considered by the common people to be the best people of their day; yet Jesus said: "I say to you, that unless your righteousness **exceeds** the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

We are totally incapable of pleasing God in our natural state.

Those who consider themselves to be good people generally talk about how they treat others. There are two problems with that. The first problem is that God **judges our thoughts just as much as He judges our deeds.**

"For I know their works **and their thoughts.**" (Isaiah 66:18)

"For out of the heart proceed **evil thoughts**, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." (Matthew 15:19)

Before God destroyed the world with water in Noah's day, here's what God observed:

"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, **and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." (Genesis 6:5-6)

The second problem is that we are not obeying God simply by treating others nicely. The first four of the Ten Commandments are directly related to our relationship with God Himself. God deliberately put these first because man had a Maker to love **before** he had a neighbor to love, and treating our neighbor with justice, *although required by God*, is **secondary**. Our **first** obligation is **to God**, not to man. How can we be true to God simply by being good to our fellow man (following the golden rule, etc.), when we have very little thought for God Himself? Without having a pure, **conscious, daily relationship** with God, **along with full obedience to Him**, what good is our goodness to man? First things first. Our responsibility to God as His creation is to put **Him** first...above all others, including ourselves, and to give Him the glory due to his name; in other words, inward worship of God from a pure heart, and the outward recognition of God to others. When we put God **before all others**, our love for our fellow man comes as a natural result.

God is an all or nothing God: "And you will seek Me and find Me, **when you search for Me with all your heart.**" (Jeremiah 29:13)

God created us to please **Him**; **not** to live our lives according to **our** will, but according to **His** will. "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and **for** Him." (Colossians 1:16) "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. **Your** will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Luke 11:2)

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. **This is the first commandment.**" (Mark 12:30)

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, requires us to love Him/God above everyone else: "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." (Matthew 10:37-38)

Our love for Christ/God must be so great that our love for others and even ourselves will seem like hatred in comparison: "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." (Luke 14:26)

Because of the natural evil of every person on Earth, it is literally impossible for any of us to get to heaven through our good works. Salvation is not by works, but through complete faith in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins.

An entire lifetime of good works could never be enough to remove the stain or guilt of even a single sin. "For whoever shall keep the whole law [God's law], and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10) When we put our trust in our own good works to save us from hell, we are spitting in the face of God, who sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we could receive His **free gift of eternal life in heaven.** "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law [by keeping God's commandments], then Christ died in vain." (Galatians 2:21) "For the wages of sin is death, but **the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" (Romans 6:23)

“For by grace you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift of God, not of works**, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**” (Romans 5:8)

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the just for the unjust**, that He might bring us to God....” (1 Peter 3:18)

“**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us**, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit....” (Titus 3:5)

Jesus Christ is much more than a mere man. He is the Son of God.

When Jesus was baptized “suddenly a voice came from heaven [from God], saying, ‘**This is My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.’ ” (Matthew 3:17)

Here’s what happened when Jesus was on a high mountain with three of His disciples:

“Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; **and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; **and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’** ” (Matthew 17:1-5)

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, ‘**Do you believe in the Son of God?**’ He answered and said, ‘Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?’ And Jesus said to him, ‘**You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.**’ Then he said, ‘Lord, I believe!’ **And he worshiped Him.**” (John 9:35-38)

“The Jews answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.’ Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid....” (John 19:7-8)

"But Simon Peter answered Him [Jesus], 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that **You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**' " (John 6:68-69)

"And the high priest answered and said to Him, 'I put You under oath by the living God: **Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!**' **Jesus said to him, 'It is as you said.'** " (Matthew 26:63-64)

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the eternal God of the Bible.

"For unto us a Child is born, **unto us a Son is given**; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

One of the names of God in the Old Testament was **I AM**. "And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel,' 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ' " (Exodus 3:14) Abraham lived around 2000 years before Christ was born as a human. Yet Jesus saw Abraham because Jesus existed as God before Abraham existed. "Then the Jews said to Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?' **Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.'** " (John 8:57-58) This statement makes it clear that Jesus existed before Abraham and it also identifies Jesus as I AM, one of the names of God in the Old Testament.

"And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. **Jesus** came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace to you!' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.' **And Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!'** " (John 20:26-28)

Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Jesus Christ is equal with God the Father in every way.

"Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him [Jesus], because He not only broke the Sabbath, **but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.**" (John 5:18)

Jesus said "I and My Father [God] are one [in the original Greek it means "**one essence.**"]." (John 10:30)

"Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father [God]**; so how can you say, "Show us the Father" "?" (John 14:9)

"Let this mind be in you which was also in **Christ Jesus**, who, **being in the form of God**, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God...." (Philippians 2:5-6)

Jesus Christ is God, our Creator.

"All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." (John 1:3)

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross." (Colossians 1:13-20)

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us **by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the worlds**; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, **and upholding all things by the word of His power**, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...." (Hebrews 1:1-3)

Jesus Christ is the omniscient (all knowing) God of the Bible.

"Now we are sure that **You know all things**, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." (John 16:30)

"And he said to Him, '**Lord, You know all things**; You know that I love You.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed My sheep.' " (John 21:17)

"But Jesus, **knowing their thoughts**, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts?' " (Matthew 9:4)

"But He [Jesus], **knowing their thoughts**, said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.' " (Luke 11:17)

Jesus Christ was fully approved by God the Father.

"When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. **And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'** " (Matthew 3:16-17)

"Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; **and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!'** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid." (Matthew 17:1-6)

"Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you do not believe. **The works [miracles] that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.'** " (John 10:25)

"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You

are a teacher come from God; for **no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.**' " (John 3:1-2)

" 'Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. **If this Man [Jesus] were not from God, He could do nothing.**' " (John 9:32-33)

"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: **'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'** **And we heard this voice which came from heaven** when we were with Him on the holy mountain." (2 Peter 1:16-18)

Jesus Christ is sinless.

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him **who knew no sin** to be sin for us [on the cross], that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**' (Hebrews 4:14-15)

"...by so much more **Jesus** has become a surety of a better covenant. Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, **separate from sinners....**" (Hebrews 7:22-26)

"...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb **without blemish and without spot.**" (1 Peter 1:19)

The Reality of Heaven

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is **the kingdom of heaven.**” (Matthew 5:10)

“Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward **in heaven**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:12)

“For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter **the kingdom of heaven.**” (Matthew 5:20)

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures **in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:19-20)

“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter **the kingdom of heaven.**” (Matthew 18:3)

“For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ....” (Philippians 3:20)

“because of the hope which is laid up for you **in heaven....**” (Colossians 1:5)

“...knowing that **you have** a better and an enduring possession for yourselves **in heaven.**” (Hebrews 10:34)

“...to the general assembly and church of the firstborn **who are registered in heaven....**” (Hebrews 12:23)

“to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you....**” (1 Peter 1:4)

The Reality of Hell

“Therefore consider **the goodness and severity of God....**” (Romans 11:22)

Jesus told this true account to the crowds: “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in hell, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' " (Luke 16:19-31)

Jesus said, "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the **everlasting fire**. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into **hell fire**. (Matthew 18:8-10)

Jesus said: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to **destroy both soul and body in hell**." (Matthew 10:28)

Jesus said, "**And these will go away into everlasting punishment....**" (Matthew 25:46)

"These shall be punished with **everlasting destruction** from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power...." (2 Thessalonians 1:9)

Jesus said, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, **to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched**—where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, **to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched**—where 'Their

worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, **to be cast into hell fire**—where 'Their worm does not die **and the fire is not quenched.**' (Mark 9:43-48)

"Then He [Jesus Christ—on Judgment Day] will also say to those on the left hand, '**Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire** prepared for the devil and his angels' " (Matthew 25:41)

The Absolute Necessity of Spiritual Regeneration

The common person today refers to Jesus Christ as "my Lord and Savior." All too often these are meaningless words. To call Jesus "Lord" simply to pacify our conscience, feel spiritual, or look good in the eyes of others, is hypocrisy. Only those who are determined to obey Christ **at all costs** can honestly call Jesus Lord. Those who question His teachings, doubt His words, or question who He said He is are hypocrites at best. Jesus said, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) The word "Lord" implies complete, unwavering obedience from those who claim to follow Him. Anyone else is a pretender, **not** a Christian.

"Pursue...holiness, without which no one will see the Lord..." (Hebrews 12:14) No holiness=not seeing God. Not seeing God=no heaven. No heaven=going to hell. Are you holy?

Jesus also said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' " (Matthew 7:21-23) Most people believe that if they do enough good deeds that God will accept them into heaven. It's not enough, because whether we choose to believe it or not, at our core, we are all hopelessly lost sinners—every single one of us. We **cannot** please God in our natural state.

"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14)

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' " (John 3:3) Being born again happens the very moment we repent (submit our will completely to

God without reservation, and renounce our sins), and with complete faith in Jesus Christ for our eternal salvation (based on His death on the cross for our sins and His resurrection from the dead), call upon Him for forgiveness and the salvation of our soul. At that point, God the Holy Spirit comes inside of us, and we become a new creation in Christ. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

You can have the assurance of going to heaven RIGHT NOW.

Even the thief on the cross, who submitted himself to God during the last minutes of his life, was assured by Jesus that he would go to heaven: "Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, 'If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.' But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said to Jesus, 'Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.' And Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.'" (Luke 23: 39-43)

It has nothing to do with changing religions. It has everything to do with entering into a relationship with God (**only through Jesus Christ**)—a relationship which will last for all of eternity. You can accept God's **free gift** of eternal life through Jesus Christ **right now**, or you can ignore it, and spend eternity in a burning hell. Your friends, pastors, priests, and other people may try to offer you false comfort about your eternity, but Jesus Christ made it very clear when He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

The Bible says that **you can know for sure** that you are going to heaven: "And this is the testimony: that God **has given [present perfect tense] us** eternal life [in heaven], 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. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know [perfect assurance] that you have [present tense] eternal life....**" (1 John 5:11-13)

"For **whoever** calls on the name of the Lord **shall** be saved." (Romans 10:13)

"For our citizenship is in heaven...." (Philippians 3:20)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me **has** [present tense] everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed [present perfect tense] from death into life." (John 5:24)

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..." (Romans 8:16)

"He who believes in the Son **has** [present tense] everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36)

Salvation does not come about as a result of our good works. It is a gift given to us by God because of Christ's death on the cross for our sins.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift of God, not of works**, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

"...**not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us**, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, (Titus 3:5)

"For the wages of sin is death, but **the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" (Romans 6:23)

Jesus Christ died for our sins so that we can be saved from hell and be reconciled to God, resulting in eternal life in heaven.

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: **that Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3)

"...**who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree [cross]...**" (1 Peter 2:24)

"...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **but with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:18-19)

"For Christ also **suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God....**" (1 Peter 3:18)

"...**the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**" (1 John 1:7)

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of **the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**" (Colossians 1:13-14)

Jesus Christ rose from the dead (came alive again).

"But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.' " (Matthew 28:5-6)

"But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.' " (Mark 16:6)

"Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!' " (Luke 24:5-6)

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: 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, and that **He was seen by Cephas [Peter], then by the twelve [disciples/apostles]. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once**, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. **After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also**, as by one born out of due time." (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

Repentance is required by God

"In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, '**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!' " (Matthew 3:1-2)

"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, '**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' " (Matthew 4:17)

“So they went out and preached that people should **repent.**” (Mark 6:12)

“And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but **unless you repent you will all likewise perish.** Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but **unless you repent you will all likewise perish.**’ ” (Luke 13:2-5)

“**Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,** so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...” (Acts 3:19)

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now **commands all men everywhere to repent...**” (Acts 17:30)

Repentance is **not** works. It’s a genuine **commitment** to God to obey Him completely, and to forsake all your sins. People are afraid to make this commitment to God because they think that He wants to turn them into mindless robots, stripping away their individuality and personality. This is simply not true. God wants to make you the best **you** that He designed you to be; but you cannot become that or truly be at peace with yourself as long as you refuse to fully obey Him. That’s the way God made us.

The Requirement to Believe

Believing God is always a choice. Anyone who refuses to believe will give a strict account to God.

Jesus said: “...**he who does not believe will be condemned.**” (Mark 16:16)

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; **but he who does not believe is condemned already,** because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (John 3:18)

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; **and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.**” (John 3:36)

"So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved....' " (Acts 16:31)

"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness...." (Romans 4:5)

"...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

"...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law [the Ten Commandments, etc.] but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified." (Galatians 2:16)

"He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son." (1 John 5:10)

Receive God's free gift of eternal life *right now*—before it's too late. To have your sins forgiven *instantly*, and to receive God's free gift of eternal life in heaven, here is all that you must do:

- Believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sins.
- Believe that He rose from the dead (came alive again).
- Be willing to turn from *all* your sins.
- Call on the name of the Lord by sincerely praying this suggested prayer:

"Dear God, I now turn from all my sinful desires and make Jesus Christ my Lord forever. Please forgive my sins because of what Jesus did for me on the cross. Thank You for giving me Your free gift of eternal life in heaven right now. I pray in Jesus' name."

Now talk to God and read the Bible every day—and obey it.

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