

GETTING INTO HEAVEN

1 -The Way Into Heaven Provided

John 3:16 (NASB) - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

Romans 3:25 (NIV) - God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.

2 - What's Required of Us?

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

3 – But I'm a Good Person

Romans 3:21-24 (NASB) - But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, but it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 16:25 (NASB) - For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Mark 8:34-35 (NASB) - And He summoned the crowd together with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

4 – What About My Good Works?

Luke 23:39-43 (NASB) - One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other responded, and rebuking him, said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our crimes; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. (The thief had no opportunity for "good works")

5 – Will Everyone Be Saved?

Matthew 7:13-14 (NASB) - Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

6 – Conclusion

Death, disease, and heartache was not part of God's creation. It was Adam who disobeyed and brought into the world all that is wrong and counter to God's design. Because God is righteous, He could not let disobedience go unchecked. Because He is a loving God, He provided a way for us to be reconciled back to Him. It is called the "Good News" because everything has already been done for us. There is nothing we can do to get into Heaven and reconciled back to God. It was though Adam's choice of disobedience that we were separated so it must be by our personal decision to be reconciled back to God. Ask God for forgiveness and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior today.