

Do you think you'll go to Heaven when you die?

There is no more important question to ponder!

BUT HOW WOULD WE KNOW? Good news: God gave us the Ten Commandments as a standard so we'd be able to know if we deserve to be rewarded or punished. Let's look at a few and see...

1. You shall not lie. **Have you ever told a lie?** What do we call people who tell lies? We call them a liar. If we're honest, we'll admit that we've all told countless lies in our lifetime. The Bible warns that all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:8). You may not think lying is a serious sin, but God does. Check your answer:

- GUILTY – Yes, I have broken this commandment at least once.
- INNOCENT – No, I have NEVER broken this commandment in my life.

2. You shall not steal. **Have you ever stolen anything** (even if it was something small)? You don't have to steal the Mona Lisa to be a thief. Have you ever taken anything that belonged to someone else (from school, parents, downloaded music you didn't pay for, etc.)? If you have, that makes you a thief. Check your answer:

- GUILTY – Yes, I have broken this commandment at least once.
- INNOCENT – No, I have NEVER broken this commandment in my life.

3. You shall not take the Lord's Name in vain. God's name is "the Name above all names" and deserves to be honored. Yet when we get mad we often use God's name as a swear word. This is called "Blasphemy" and is a serious sin. **Have you ever committed blasphemy by taking God's name in vain?** Check your answer:

- GUILTY – Yes, I have broken this commandment at least once.
- INNOCENT – No, I have NEVER broken this commandment in my life.

4. You shall not commit adultery. Jesus warned, "You have heard...'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). Have you ever looked at another person with lust? The Bible says that adulterers and fornicators (those who have had sex before marriage) will not enter the kingdom of heaven (1 Corinthians 6:9). **Have you ever looked at someone with lust?** Check your answer:

- GUILTY – Yes, I have broken this commandment at least once.
- INNOCENT – No, I have NEVER broken this commandment in my life.

If you were honest, **you just admitted that you are a liar, a thief, a blasphemer, and an adulterer** – and we've only looked at four of the Ten Commandments. There are six more!

Who of us can say we are not guilty of breaking these Commandments? This is what the Bible means when it says, "All have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God," (Romans 3:23). Can you see your predicament? You are guilty of sinning against God Himself. Listen to your conscience and you'll know this is true.

If God were to judge you by the Ten Commandments, would you deserve to go to Heaven or to Hell? If we are honest with ourselves, and listen to our conscience, we must conclude that we all deserve the Lake of Fire.

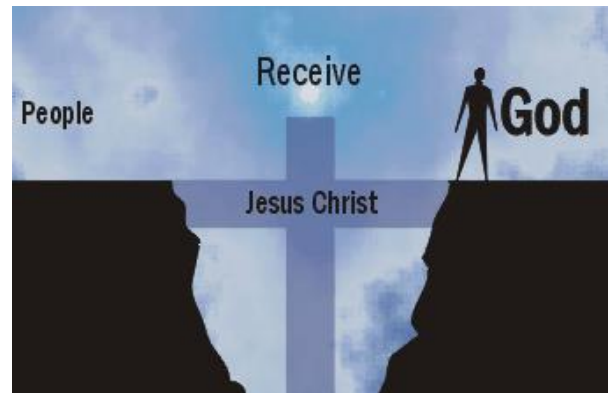


Does the fact that you deserve The Lake of Fire concern you? It should concern all of us greatly! The Bible says God's wrath abides on you (John 3:36), and that you are an "enemy of God in your mind through wicked works" (Colossians 1:21).

But because God is rich in mercy and compassion, **he has provided a way for you to be forgiven.** He has invited you to come to him for a full pardon and receive the free gift of Eternal Life. You cannot earn it, and you do not deserve it, but God is offering it to you as proof of His love for you.

Imagine you are standing in front of a Judge, guilty of multiple serious crimes. Your apologies and good works cannot erase your crimes; therefore you must be punished. The fine for your crime is one million dollars or imprisonment, but you don't have two pennies to rub together. But then your greatest enemy steps in and pays your fine for you! The law has been satisfied, your debt has been paid in full, and your enemy's sacrifice was a demonstration of his love for you.

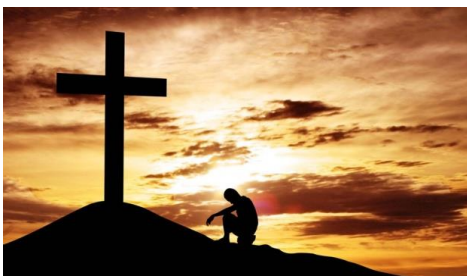
That's what God did for you 2000 years ago. The Bible says that our sins make us God's enemy. Despite sinning against him, the God of the Universe became a man (Jesus Christ). Jesus never sinned even once, but he suffered and died on the cross for our sins so that we could be set free! It's as simple as this—we broke the Law, and Jesus paid our fine. "God demonstrated His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Now that's love! Every single one of us needs forgiveness. Jesus Himself commands us to "**repent and believe in the gospel**" (Mark 1:15). Surrender your life to the only one who can save you.



Jesus died to set you free, and then he rose from dead to be your Lord. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). **Repentance** means to stop arguing with God that you're a good person who doesn't need Jesus' sacrifice to get to Heaven. To **Believe** means to trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Jesus promises that if you **Repent and Believe**, He will forgive you and you'll pass from death to life. If you are not sure how to pray, read Psalm 51 and make it your prayer.

Please repent and trust Christ today. God will transform you from the inside out. Read your Bible daily and obey His Word. Get involved with other Bible-believing followers of Jesus. You can trust God— he loves you and will always be faithful. Please don't put it off until later. You may die today and then it will be too late. If you've decided to reject the gift of forgiveness and you die in your sins, there is no hope for you. There is no purgatory. The wrath of God abides on you and you will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. Please take the time to consider your sins and that God is willing to forgive you if you repent of your sins and put your trust in Jesus and follow him as Lord.

If you or I had the cure for Cancer, wouldn't we give it away for free? Of course we would! Our compassion for our fellow human beings would prompt us to give away the cure! Every person has **a disease much worse than Cancer.** Cancer can only kill us. Our disease is "sin" and it will kill us *and* send us to the Lake of Fire. The cure is the GOOD NEWS that Jesus is God, He lived a perfect life, never sinned, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. **Jesus is the only cure for sin!** How could we not share this GREAT news with others? That's why this paper was given to you. We want everyone to know the cure for sin.



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