

# WE GOT INTO HEAVEN, WILL YOU? PDF, EPUB, EBOOK



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## **How Can We Know We'll Go to Heaven? | Crossway Articles**

Then ask Him to help you forgive yourself, just as He has forgiven you, fully and completely. Give Menu. Give Online Your gift helps share the Gospel. Share Tweet. He is freedom. Repent turn away from sin and let go of past sin. Believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you. Ask Jesus Christ into your heart and life. Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him.

Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,. And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord , plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

And he believed the Lord , and he counted it to him as righteousness. Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,. This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,. Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than

the blood of Abel.

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. Who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John. Unless otherwise indicated, all content is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution License. Contact me: [openbibleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:openbibleinfo@gmail.com).

## **What the New Testament Really Says About Heaven | Time**

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Contact me: openbibleinfo at gmail. Cite this page : Editor: Stephen Smith. Rather than rescuing people from the latter in order to reach the former, the creator God would finally bring heaven and earth together in a great act of new creation, completing the original creative purpose by healing the entire cosmos of its ancient ills. They believed that God would then raise his people from the dead, to share in — and, indeed, to share his stewardship over — this rescued and renewed creation. And they believed all this because of Jesus.

They believed that with the resurrection of Jesus this new creation had already been launched. That was the lens through which they saw the hope of the world. But, after death and before that final reality, a period of blissful rest. They are the temporary resting-place, ahead of the ultimate new creation. Historical study — reading the New Testament in its own world — thus brings surprises that can have an impact on modern Christianity, too.

Perhaps the most important is a new, or rather very old, way of seeing the Christian mission. If the only point is to save souls from the wreck of the world, so they can leave and go to heaven, why bother to make this world a better place? But if God is going to do for the whole creation what he did for Jesus in his resurrection — to bring them back, here on earth — then those who have been rescued by the gospel are called to play a part, right now, in the advance renewal of the world. Christian mission includes bringing real advance signs of new creation into the present world: in healing, in justice, in beauty, in celebrating the new creation and lamenting the continuing pain of the old. This means that merely acknowledging the existence of God is obviously not enough to gain us entrance to Heaven.

As the saying goes, the answer is both bad news and good news. In the Bible, God tells us that His standard for allowing us to join Him in Heaven requires perfection. However, the Bible also tells us that no man or woman can meet that standard: Only sinless perfection may enter into His presence and live. If we commit even one sin in our entire life, we are not perfect, so we are not eligible to enter Heaven. What is sin? The Bible tells us that sin is any action or word or thought that violates God's standards of holiness and perfection. God summed this up in His Ten Commandments: Can you meet this standard of perfection? Have you ever broken one of these commandments by action or word or thought? For example, have you ever lied even a little lie or have you ever stolen anything including stealing time from your employer?

Have you ever felt hatred against someone? The Bible says that if we harbor hatred in our hearts toward someone, we commit the sin of murder by our hateful thoughts Matthew If we are honest with ourselves, we know in our hearts we are guilty of sin. Consequently, the Bible declares truthfully that all human beings have sinned, and therefore all fall short of the standard for entering Heaven. The Bible also tells us that there is only one payment God will accept in restitution for sin: spiritual death, which means spending eternity separated from God commonly called Hell. God tells us in the Bible that He is perfectly holy and just, so He must do what a perfect judge is supposed to do: He must punish all sinners for sin. No amount of good works on our part can cancel out even one of our sins since God has set the payment required for sin as eternal death. So, if all people have sinned and sin requires eternal death, how can anyone hope to reach Heaven? In the face of our hopelessness, the Bible brings us God's good news also called the "gospel".

This announces to all people whom God, being rich in mercy, provided a way for people to enter Heaven. The Bible tells us in John that: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

## Verse by Verse Ministry

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Thank you for your forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. Innocence is the absence of something sin, while righteousness is the presence of something God's holiness. God will never withdraw His holiness from us; therefore, in heaven we cannot sin. We'll never forget the ugliness of sin, however. Having known death and life, we who experience life will never want to go back to death. We'll never be deceived into thinking God is withholding something good from us or that sin is in our best interests. We'll always know sin's costs. Every time we see the scarred hands of Jesus, we'll remember. We'll see sin as God does. It will be stripped of its illusions and will be utterly unappealing. The idea of working in heaven is foreign to many people. Yet Scripture clearly teaches it. When God created Adam, he "took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it" Genesis Work was part of the original Eden.

It was part of a perfect human life. God Himself is a worker. He didn't create the world and then retire. Jesus found great satisfaction in His work. We'll also have work to do, satisfying and enriching work that we can't wait to get back to, work that'll never be drudgery. God is the primary worker, and as His image-bearers, we're made to work. We create, accomplish, set goals and fulfill them—to God's glory. In Scripture, God is said to enjoy, love, laugh, take delight and rejoice, as well as be angry, happy, jealous and glad. To be like God means to have and express emotions.

Hence, we should expect that in heaven emotions will exist for God's glory and our good. We know that people in heaven have lots of feelings—all good ones. We're told of banquets, feasts and singing. People will laugh there Luke Will we cry in heaven? The Bible says, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying or pain" Revelation These are the tears of suffering over sin and death, the tears of oppressed people, the cries of the poor, the widow, the orphaned, the unborn and the persecuted.

We might, though, shed tears of joy. Can you imagine joy flooding your eyes as you meet Christ, for example, and as you're reunited with loved ones? I can. God alone is omniscient. When we die, we'll see things far more clearly, and we'll know much more than we know now. But we'll never know everything. In heaven we'll be flawless, but not knowing everything isn't a flaw. It's part of being finite. Righteous angels don't know everything, and they long to know more 1 Peter They're flawless but finite. We should expect to long for greater knowledge, as angels do. And we'll spend eternity gaining the greater knowledge we'll seek. Scripture gives no indication of a memory wipe causing us not to recognize family and friends. Paul anticipated being with the Thessalonians in heaven, and it never occurred to him he wouldn't know them.

In fact, if we wouldn't know our loved ones, the comfort of an afterlife reunion, taught in 1 Thessalonians, would be no comfort at all. In heaven we probably won't fail to recognize an acquaintance in a crowd or forget people's names. Believing in this assumption means you've fallen for the devil's lie.

### **How Can I Know for Sure I'll Go to Heaven?**

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant



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