



IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN YOU ARE GOING TO GO TO HEAVEN!

The Bible says you can know for certain:

"I write these things to you...so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

Now that's security!
In order to discover this security we must first understand some things about God and about man.

What are some character qualities that come to mind when you think about God?

GOD IS LOVE... AND HE IS HOLY!

The Bible says many times that God is love. He loves us personally and deeply. (1 John 4:8)

But God is also holy, or perfect, in every area. (1 Peter 1:16)

That means He is:

- **Pure** "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil." Habakkuk 1:13
- **Righteous** The Ten Commandments are His perfect standard of right and wrong. (Psalm 11:7)
- **Just, Fair** He won't leave any of the guilty unpunished. (Romans 2:5-11)

Now, what are some character qualities that come to mind when you think about people?



PEOPLE ARE NOT LIKE GOD - WE SIN!

The basis of sin is an attitude of being independent and rebellious toward God and what He says. This results in breaking or ignoring the laws of God.

For example, ask yourself:

- "Have I ever...Been immoral in action or thought?
...Lied or been dishonest?
...Desired another person's property?
...Taken something that wasn't mine?
...Dishonored my parents?"

The conclusion: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory (standard) of God." Romans 3:23

What is the result of breaking God's laws?



DEATH: SEPARATION FROM GOD BOTH NOW AND ETERNALLY

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

Sin separates us from God now, resulting in spiritual death. This accounts for the emptiness man experiences in his life.

If sin separates us from God during life, it will continue to separate us forever after we die. The final punishment for sin is called eternal death - or hell.

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power." **2 Thessalonians 1:9**

What can we do to save ourselves?



NOTHING!

Because God is holy, He cannot tolerate **any** evil. Compared to His standard of perfection, even our best thoughts and actions fall short.

"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." **James 2:10**

And because God is holy and just, He must punish anyone who is guilty of breaking His laws.

God must punish our sins because He is holy, but He wants to save us because He loves us.

How did God solve this problem?





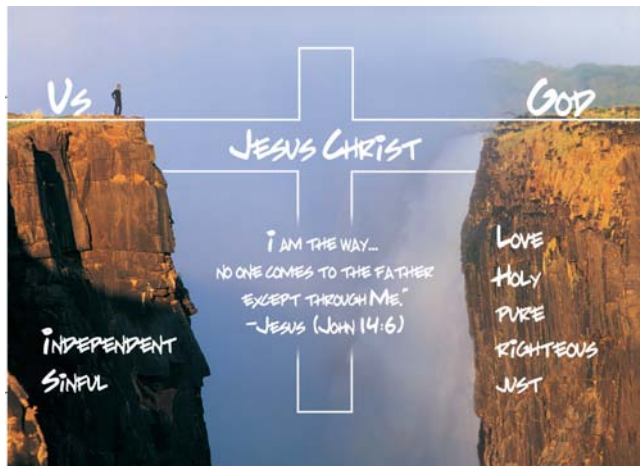
GOD HIMSELF, IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST, DIED IN OUR PLACE.

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." **1 Peter 3:18**

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8**

God's love and justice were both demonstrated at the cross. How? Jesus, as our substitute, willingly suffered the punishment of death we deserved. Because of His death and resurrection, God can now offer eternal life as a free gift.

Does everybody receive this gift?



NO. ONLY THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." **John 3:16**

True believing is more than simply an intellectual understanding of certain facts. It involves:

1. A realization that:

- I have broken God's laws and as a sinner deserve His judgement.
- There is nothing I can do to remove the guilt and penalty of my sin.
- The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only solution for my sin.



TRUE BELIEF INVOLVES...

2. Receiving Jesus Christ into my life by putting my faith and trust in Him alone.

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, 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." 1 John 5:11-12

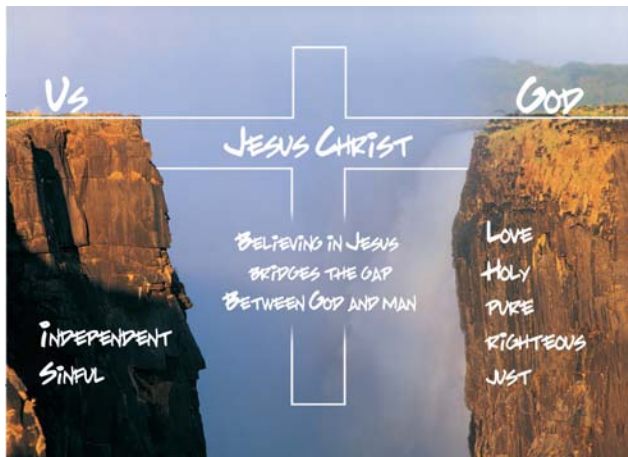
Does this make sense to you?

YOU MUST MAKE A DELIBERATE CHOICE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST

You can simply talk to God (pray) and express:

1. That you are a sinner.
2. That the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only solution for your sin.
3. That you are placing your trust in Jesus Christ alone.
4. Thanksgiving for His forgiveness and the gift of eternal life.

Does this express your desire?



IF YOU ARE NOW TRUSTING IN JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!

Jesus said:

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life" John 5:24

Receiving the gift of eternal life is just the beginning of a wonderful relationship with God. You may have questions. If you do, we are available to help you.

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