

# HOW TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN

## Introduction

Today, let's see what God says about making it to heaven. The one true God is in charge, and we should look to see what he says about making it to heaven. It's not what I think. It's not what another preacher thinks. It's not what a religion or a large group of people think. It's what God says.

You need to understand that God is the authority. His word, the Bible, is the final authority. When God says something, you can know that he isn't lying to you. So, today, please see the Bible verses, read them carefully, hear them, and simply believe what they say.

By the end of this, you can be saved by simply believing what God says. Let's get to it.

## There Are None Good

I deceived myself in the past by thinking I was good. False churches taught me that all my life. They would say that you have to be good to get to heaven. But deep inside, I knew I wasn't good because I've sinned my entire life. But I kept listening to man over God.

Please don't make that same mistake I did for so many years. Please see what God says in the Scriptures and understand that you aren't exempt from what this says. I thought that there was no way the Bible was talking about me in these verses because my church said I was good.

***Romans 3:9-11 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.***

The Bible says that we are all under sin. That's me. That's you. I am a sinner. Sin is doing anything against God's law. I sin every day. I used to think that I didn't sin any more, but I was just deceiving myself. I would minimize sin in my life. Then, I decided to stop deceiving myself and just gave up.

That's when I went the wrong direction in life. I got worse and worse because I knew I wasn't good. My church kept telling me that I must be good to get to heaven. Well I knew I wasn't good so I just gave up. I should have listened to God in the Bible versus listening to man. The Bible tells us 100% without a doubt that there are none good.

***Romans 3:12-18 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.***

I would read that Scripture in the past and think to myself, "Well, that's not talking about me. My church says that I'm good because I go there." God doesn't care where you go to church when it comes to being saved and making it to heaven. Your church cannot save you. A church has no power to send you to heaven. Only God has that power so we better listen to what God says.

That Scripture in Romans Chapter 3 is definitely talking about you and me. Yes, it is. We are not good. In the Bible, good means perfect. I think you would admit that you aren't perfect, right? I'm definitely not perfect. I have messed up in life

more times than I can count. I am a sinner and have went up against God all my life. I want to change that, though. I hope you do as well. And I hope you want to go to heaven.

***Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.***

Throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament, we are taught that we are not good. If anyone on earth thinks they are good, they should read that verse again. "There is not a just man upon the earth." Each and every person sins.

***Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;***

Some people in religions today believe that they're good and that they don't sin. They say, "Yeah, I'm a good person." Some religions actually teach that they don't sin any more at all. The Bible actually teaches us the opposite of that.

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

The word of God is very clear. We will continue to be sinners the rest of our lives. Everyone, including you and I, need to just give it up and understand that we are not good. Believe what God says. We are not good because we are not perfect. We mess up.

***Psalm 14:1-3 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are***

***all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.***

I hope you're starting to see the truth in the Bible. It took me many, many years to actually see it and understand it. Why? Because of false religion. And it's not difficult to understand. God says, "Hey Josh, you aren't good." I said in the past, "Whatever, I am." Well, now I believe what God says and he says that I'm not good.

***Psalm 53:1-3 To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good. 2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. 3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.***

And yes, I'm showing you all of this Scripture so you understand that it's not a mistake. I'm not taking this out of context or trying to trick you. I want you to see the truth. Understanding that you aren't good is a big step for many people. I was one of those people. I should have seen it a long time ago, but I couldn't. I thank God today that he opened my eyes. I pray right now that God will open your eyes.

***Matthew 19:16-17 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.***

I want you to notice in that Scripture that Jesus Christ says that there is none good but God. Are you God? I am not God. Since I'm not God, that means I am not good. Since you aren't God, that means you are not good.

***Mark 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.***

In conclusion of this section, there is not one good person who has ever lived upon this earth but God himself. That means you can look at me and know that I'm not good. And I'll admit that I've done some very bad things in my life. That also means I know that you aren't good. My neighbor isn't good. My family isn't good. My friends aren't good. The preacher at the mega church down the road definitely isn't good. There are none good. They might want you to think they're good, but they aren't. That's what the Bible is teaching us.

And why would the Bible be telling us that we aren't good? Well, there's a point to all of this. Only good people will get into heaven. Well, how in the world will anyone be in heaven then? We just learned that there's none good. That's right. This means that we can't make it to heaven on our own.

We cannot work our way to heaven. We cannot purchase a ticket into heaven by being rich. We cannot make it to heaven on our own. Our goodness will not get us into heaven. Jesus even says that we must keep the commandments to enter into life on our own. In other words, we can't get to heaven on our own.

***James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.***

If you go your entire life being perfect but have a bad thought just once in your entire life, the Bible says you are guilty of all. But, seriously, who is

perfect their entire life and then messes up just once? We've broken God's law. Don't lie. Don't steal. That pretty much eliminates every person who has ever lived in just those two laws. If we went over all the laws in the Bible, no one would be found perfect.

If you understand that you aren't good, please continue to the next section. If you still think you're good, please read this section again. And definitely read this Scripture:

***Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.***

This applies to both men and women. I personally don't know anyone who hasn't done that. And yes, that includes me. I'll admit that I'm not good. Will you admit that with me today? I hope so. If so, we can move on to the very important next step.

## **There's A Penalty**

So far, I haven't given you much good news but please don't stop just yet. I promise you that good news is coming soon. Bear with me for a little while longer.

Since we've broken God's law, there is a penalty. When I run through a red light, I expect to be penalized. I did it. I deserve the penalty. If a police officer catches me, I'll gladly accept the fine because I did it. I might want to talk him out of the ticket, but I deserve it.

With God, there's no talking your way out of the penalty. He knows everything. He sees your actions. He knows your thoughts. He knows your guilty. He knows I am guilty. So, what's the penalty for breaking God's law? Is it a small penalty? No, it's actually a very harsh penalty that we deserve.

***Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death. What does that mean? We sin. What are the wages of sin? Death. That means we earn the penalty of death when we sin.

And the evidence of the Bible being true is all around us. For example, is there any person that doesn't have to face death? Every person on earth will die. It is appointed unto all men and women to die. Death is the penalty for sin. Remember? We're all sinners. We all must pay the penalty, which is death.

Not one person can get around this penalty. We all must face death, and death is a very scary event to face on your own. Think about it. People can laugh at God. They can laugh at the people who believe in God. They can make fun of me all they want. They can laugh in my face. They can yell at me to get off their porch. But one day, they will face death. And then they'll want God's help.

But God says if you reject him all your life, he might just reject you. You must read Proverbs Chapter 1 to understand God and his nature. He doesn't play games. He's not so easy going and he doesn't love everyone no matter what.

***Proverbs 1:24-26 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;***

In other words, don't continue to reject God. You need to change your mind about God right now. He is the ALMIGHTY GOD. You do not want to go up against God.

***Proverbs 1:26-28 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:***

There's a point when God's patience comes to an end. He is very, very patient, but his patience does end. If you continue to reject him over and over in your life, he can reject you. He says, "Then they shall call upon me, but I will not answer." Why? Because God has given you so many chances, and you've rejected him.

Right now, this could be your last chance. It's time to make sure that death does not win. There is good news.

## Here's The Good News

Notice the second part of Romans 6:23, which is just below.

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"But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

We're facing a great penalty right now of death, but there is good news. There is this gift of God waiting for you and I. What is this gift? It's eternal life. Do we deserve this gift? No, we don't. But God offers this free gift to everyone who has ever lived. Is God going to make you take it?

No, God gives you the choice whether or not you'll accept his gift. This gift is the greatest gift in existence.

***Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

So, we've learned that we're all sinners. We've learned that we don't deserve this amazing gift of eternal life from God. Eternal life is everlasting life. This means you will live forever. There's nothing we can do to earn this gift.

Most people live less than 100 years. Do you really think you could do enough in one lifetime to earn an infinite amount of life? You can't earn everlasting life on your own because you are a sinner. I can't because I am a sinner.

But yet, God shows us his great love for you and for I. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. This is the good news. It wasn't good news for Jesus Christ. Do you think he enjoyed dying on the cross and taking all of our nasty and wicked sin onto himself? He took all of my nasty and wicked sin onto himself just as he did it himself. He didn't do those things. I DID THOSE THINGS!

Jesus didn't deserve to die on the cross for my sins. It's not fair to him. But he did it anyway. He did the same for you.

***1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.***

Jesus took all our sin (past, present, and future) onto himself. He didn't take some of them. He took all of them. He "bare our sins." That's everything. Even sins you haven't committed yet were taken by Jesus already.

This is great news for you and for I. But we aren't yet forgiven of all our sins unless we do something. And it doesn't take any work at all. It

can be done in a split second. Keep reading to understand what you need to do. God gives you the choice today.

## **The Son Of God**

We need to know Jesus. There are so many people using the name of Jesus today in churches and their Jesus doesn't even resemble the Jesus within the Bible at all. We must make sure we have the right Jesus so the right one can save us. If we have the wrong one, it's not going to be good. The wrong Jesus has no saving power.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. This means he has a Father in heaven. Jesus is not the Father. The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ has always existed. He is eternal meaning Jesus is God.

God the Father is God. The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost is also God. All 3 have been there for eternity. There are 3 persons in one God. There is not more than one God. There is one God in 3 persons. Each person is fully God on their own. Jesus Christ is fully God on his own. If someone tells you that Jesus is God the Father, this is false.

The Bible never calls God the Father by the name of "JESUS." Not once.

***Matthew 14:33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.***

So, the Son of God, Jesus Christ is "THE" Savior. There is no other Savior. God is your Savior. You cannot trust in a false god or a false savior. We have to believe in the true God within the actual Bible.

If we make up our own, that false god isn't going to save us. We look to the Bible for the truth about Jesus.



## Death, Burial, and Resurrection

Jesus came to earth as a human. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. He was born of a virgin. Her name is Mary. She did not stay a virgin after Jesus was born. The Bible says so. Jesus was born a baby just like you and I. The difference in Jesus and us, though, is he is God. His Father is God. We were not conceived of the Holy Ghost. Jesus is eternal.

But he was made lower so he could come and be the only worthy sacrifice for our sins. Jesus lived a sinless and perfect life. He never did anything wrong. This is why he can be the sacrifice for all sins of all time.

Jesus did countless miracles while he lived here on earth. But that wasn't enough for people to believe. Some people today want to see miracles. They want God to prove that he's there. He already did that and people wouldn't believe. What else do we want? Jesus Christ already came to earth. He died on the cross. He was buried. His soul went to hell with all of our sin.

***Acts 2:31-32 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.***

God raised up Jesus from the dead. He was dead. This means that God died on the cross for your sins and for my sins. On the third day, Jesus arose. Many witnesses saw him die on the cross and those same witnesses seen him after he arose from the dead. Over 500 witnesses at one time saw Jesus after his resurrection.

When Jesus appeared after his resurrection, it wasn't just a quick appearance of Jesus. He lived here on earth for 40 days AFTER he was resurrected from the dead. No one else has ever been to hell and then arose from the dead. Jesus

is the only one. This proves he is God. This proves he is the only one that can save you.

Jesus has the power over death and hell. You do not. The pope does not. A preacher does not. A pastor definitely does not. No one else can save you but Jesus.

The disciples of Jesus at that time knew that he is the Son of God. He proved it to them. Many of those disciples died for Jesus. Why would they do that if Jesus wasn't the Son of God? They saw all of the miracles with their own eyes. They saw Jesus die on the cross. They saw Jesus after he arose from the dead. They wrote it in the Bible through the Holy Spirit for us to see. They aren't liars. That's why they died for Jesus.

Simply believe what the Bible says. Believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This shows he has the power to save you. He is the sacrifice for all your sins. His blood poured out that day for your sins and covers all your sin.

Some people don't believe that Jesus died for all people. Yes, he died for you. The Bible says so. Some people think that they've done things so bad that Jesus can't save them. This is a lie. Jesus can save you. You have to understand who he is. He is God and God sacrificed himself for your sins. He is God and he can cover all your sins.

***1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

Again, it doesn't matter who you are or what you've done. Jesus can save you. I can't. You can't. But Jesus can. Like I said, I've done too many bad things to count. I deserve to be dead right now. I'm only writing to you right now because Jesus saved me. If he can save me, he can save you. Now, it's time to turn things around in your life and be saved.

## What Must I Do To Be Saved?

If you've made it this far, I'm very happy for you. It's time to get this done. It's time to be saved. You won't need to worry about facing death any more. You'll have life. Let's do this now.

The Bible tells us exactly how to be saved. The Bible tells us this over and over and over again. I couldn't see it for years due to false religion. I couldn't see it due to all the lies. I chose to listen to religion over God. Well, I want you to see the answer to "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible asks and answers this question directly. Hear this story today.

***Acts 16:26-28 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.***

There was this prison keeper that had Paul and Silas locked up in his prison. There was a great earthquake. All the doors were opened and the prison keeper thought he lost all the prisoners. But he hadn't. Paul stopped the man from killing himself. He was that close to dying. Same with you and I. We can die any moment.

***Acts 16:29-30 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?***

This prison keeper was so scared that he went to Paul and Silas. God sent that great earthquake. And yes, great earthquakes are scary. The man almost killed himself because he was so upset. He asks the question to Paul and Silas:

**"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"**

The answer to that question is very important for you to see. I am so glad that the Bible asked that exact question. Every word within the Bible is truth. Please slow down and see every word in this answer.

***Acts 16:31-32 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.***

Do you see the answer to that question? It's very simple. The answer is this:

**"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."**

You need to see that answer because it matches everything the Bible says from front to back. There's only one requirement to be saved and that is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believe that he is "THE" Savior.

Notice that their answer did not include repenting of sin. They didn't tell him that he must be sorry for all his sins and turn from all his sins. They didn't tell him that he must start crying and weeping over his sins. I fell for that lie in the past. It's not in the Bible anywhere. If you think that it is, you're allowing the Scripture to be twisted. Don't allow that in your life.

The answer to the question is very easy to see. Paul and Silas didn't tell that man that he had to be baptized to be saved. Yes, after they preached to that man the word of God, the man and his



house BELIEVED on the Lord Jesus Christ, and then they were baptized.

You should be baptized as soon as possible after you've already been saved. Baptism doesn't save you. You should already be saved before you are baptized. No work can ever save you. Baptism is a work because, YES, it takes work.

All you need to do to be saved is change your mind and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you. When you do that, you're telling God: "Hey God, I accept that free gift of everlasting life. I want to be forgiven of all my sins. I am taking that gift you're offering me." That's it my friend. There is no work involved. You can say that to God right now while you're sitting there reading this. It's a split second decision. It's fast. It's quick. It can happen RIGHT NOW.

Notice that Paul and Silas didn't say you must be a good person, that you must go to church, that you must get on your knees and ask forgiveness every night, or that you have to EARN IT in any way. You can't earn a gift. A gift is free.

Simply put 100% of your trust in Jesus to save you. If you think you must be baptized to be saved, that's not faith on the Lord Jesus Christ. That's not trusting Jesus to save you. That's bringing something else into the equation.

Once you're saved, you should be baptized immediately. Contact me. I would absolutely love to baptize you myself. It is one of the greatest joys in my life. I'll get everything ready immediately. Call me in the middle of the night if you need to. That's why I'm here.

If you aren't from around this area, get in the car and drive on down here. Get on a plane and fly over here. Or, find a Bible believing church near you and be baptized. But understand that you've already been saved. Now, you should do what God asks you to do and that is baptism. It's the first good work you can do after being saved.

## **No Other Requirement**

I want you to see that the only requirement to be saved is "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Let's see just a few more words from Jesus himself. Wouldn't you say the one saving you is the one you should listen to? Yeah, he has the saving power. Let's see what Jesus says.

***John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.***

***John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

***John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.***

Do you see that right there at the beginning of John 3:36? "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

Do you believe on Jesus right now to save you? If you do, then you've already received everlasting life. JESUS HIMSELF SAYS SO. That is Jesus speaking in that verse. Now, if a preacher tells you that you must do something else, who will you believe? Jesus or some man? I finally chose to believe what Jesus says. There is no other requirement to be saved.

***John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.***

At the moment you believe, you are PASSED from death unto life. That means your soul is saved. Obviously, your flesh or body isn't saved because it has to die due to the sin we commit. But when you die, you're headed to heaven immediately. There is no judgment for the saved. God doesn't bring you up in front of him and judge whether you can come into the gates of heaven.

No, Jesus simply says, "Believe on me and you have everlasting life." He already made his decision about you. If you believe, you are all good with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's over. It's done. You are saved my friend. I didn't say so. Jesus said so. This is GOOD NEWS!!!

***John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.***

That's it. Faith is believing on Jesus to save you. And that tiny amount of faith is so powerful that it saves you and gives you everlasting life. Yes, it all happens in a moment. When you get saved, the earth doesn't shake, but a miracle did happen. You're saved, and you've been given the gift of everlasting life. That is a miracle.

When God saved me, it was a great miracle. Why? Because I'm not good. I've done a lot of bad things to a lot of people in my life. Now that I'm saved, I am extremely sorry for acting the way I have in my life. I am sorry for going up against God so many times. And I still mess up often, but I know Jesus saved me.

## **You Are Now Safe**

Many false preachers and false religions today teach that you can lose everlasting life. But the Bible never says that. Not once. The false teachers will take parables or stories and twist them to say you can lose salvation. But they also teach that you can get it back by doing something good. No, the Bible never says that.

Jesus says once you believe on him, you have everlasting life. Think about that. If you just received it today, praise God! If it's everlasting, does it EVER go away? No. Jesus would be a liar if you could lose it. These false preachers are calling Jesus a liar, and I'm sick of it. You should be sick of it too. Stand up for the Word of God!

**"Jesus didn't say I could lose everlasting life. That doesn't make any sense. That's insane!!! It's called EVER LASTING."**

Here's what Jesus actually says. I hope you see this today. Again, this is Jesus himself talking. Remember, he is God. He is the boss. What he says, goes.

***John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.***

Did you hear the voice of Jesus today? He said to believe on him to receive everlasting life. Did you believe what he said? Do you believe he is the Savior? If so, Jesus says you are safe in my hands. He says, "You will NEVER perish." But yet, a false preacher says the opposite. They say, "Oh yeah, you can lose everlasting life and go to hell." It's like they've lost their minds. They pretend to represent God, but they do not. They do not hear what Jesus is saying.

***John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.***

Jesus just told us that no man is able to pluck you out of God's hands now. Jesus and his Father have you safely in their hands. This is the hand

of God that you're in now. Jesus says no man is going to take you away from me now. Jesus says, "HEY, I HAVE YOU NOW!!!" Is that not clear enough? When he says, "No man," that means you too. You can't lose eternal life because you've already been saved and you've been given eternal life. It's done. OVER. FINISHED.

When you sin now, your SOUL has already been forgiven. Does that mean you should go do whatever you want now? No. God forbid the Bible says. You're still alive on this earth in your fleshly body and your body still sins. Your soul is forgiven of those sins, but you still mess up. God can punish you for what you do. And he will because he says he will. God can make your life a living hell on this earth if you want to go do whatever you want and do evil and wicked things.

When you're saved, you are now one of his children. You are in his family. He will be a Father to you. He'll punish you to get you back on the right path to him. Everything God does is good. If I need to be punished so I can get back closer to God, I rejoice in that punishment. Why? It brings me back to God. He is a good Father.

## **Once You're Saved, You're Saved**

There's nothing you can do to lose the gift of God. God doesn't take back this great gift at any time. There's proof of that all within the Bible.

King Saul is one of the greatest proofs of that within the Bible. False preachers can't explain how King Saul is in heaven right now. He is in heaven right now because the Bible clearly says that he is in heaven.

Do you know the story of King Saul? He killed himself. That is a great sin, but he's in heaven right now. Samson also killed himself but he's in heaven right now too! How could this be? The answer is simple. They both believed God to save them. They had faith at some point in their life.

When they believed, they were saved. It's a one time thing. It happens in a moment!!!

That's why they are in heaven. There are no good people in the Bible. They weren't perfect. King Saul disobeyed God often. God punished him. God made his life hell on earth, but God didn't send Saul to hell. He saved Saul because Saul had faith at some point in his life.

Abraham wasn't perfect. Moses wasn't perfect. God almost killed Moses for disobeying him about circumcising his very own son. King David wasn't perfect. He committed adultery and had Uriah murdered. King Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines. He even started supporting the worship of false gods. God hates the worship of a false god. He hates it!!! Solomon was punished.

Peter denied Jesus three times. Paul admits that he can't stop sinning. Rahab was a harlot. She's in heaven right now! Yes, she is in heaven and some of the "righteous" people who only believe in their very own greatness will be in hell. Hebrews Chapter 11 says that Rahab had faith. And faith alone saves you. It takes nothing else. If you have faith right now, you're saved.

When you get to heaven one day, you'll know that every single person in heaven got there the exact same way! They all believed in God to save them. They didn't earn it themselves.

## **Where Do Most People Go?**

The world today tells you that most people go to heaven. At every funeral, the person is such a good person. "We know they're in heaven right now. This person was so great."

Is that what God says? Is that what the Bible says? No, it doesn't. It's actually the opposite, and it's a very sad thing. We shouldn't want our friends and family going to hell. We need to make sure they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 7:13-14** *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

Again, that's Jesus speaking in the Scriptures above. Jesus says that many are going to hell. Few are going to heaven. In other words, most people aren't going to heaven. But yet, preachers at every funeral say the same thing. "That man or woman is in heaven right now."

That's why it's important for you to get this over right now. If you haven't yet believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, do it now. This might just be your very last chance. Just change your mind.

And once you're saved, it's time to tell the loved ones in your life. It's your responsibility now to tell others the truth. That's why I'm writing to you right now. God gives us a job once we see the truth. And it's the most important job in existence. He's trusting you now to get the word out.

People in churches have been blinded to the truth. It's time to wake up. And yes, you will be rejected over and over and over again by people in this life. Jesus never said it would be easy. He says we have to "strive" together. I'm here with you. I hope you'll be with me. We're in a family, and it's time to get the truth out.

## **Good Works Do Not Save Anyone**

Some people won't give up the works to be saved. They still will believe there's something they MUST work on to be saved. I want to give you more proof that works do not save you.

**Matthew 7:21** *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

The will of the Father is believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Only he that does that will of the Father will enter into heaven. We've already learned what it takes to make it to heaven, right? Make sure you see the will of God within this next verse from the Book of John.

**John 6:40** *And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Believing on Jesus Christ is the will of God.

**Matthew 7:22-23** *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

The people in that Scripture there say that they are doing many wonderful works in the name of Jesus. These are people who think that it takes works to save them. They believe in works like repenting of sin, being baptized, being a good person, casting out devils, speaking in tongues (which is actually babble), feeding the homeless. I believed that trash in the past too. Works do not save you at all.

Jesus says to those people, "I NEVER KNEW YOU." He even says that they aren't doing good works. They are workers of iniquity. They think that their good works are going to save them. Jesus didn't once know them and they lost salvation. He says that he NEVER knew them.

They were never saved. You aren't saved by doing works.

The Bible even says that you can't do good works without having faith first. In other words, you must be saved before you can do a single good work. Yes, this is true. I thought I was doing good in the past, but I wasn't because I hadn't believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.***

We cannot trust in ourselves at all to be saved. This should be obvious to you by now with the evidence in your life. Have you ever done something you knew you shouldn't do? I have many times. We can't trust in ourselves and our works. We aren't good! But we can trust in HE that is good. And that HE is God.

***Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.***

Grace means you get something you don't deserve. We don't deserve to be saved. We're only saved through faith. Why would anyone want to add their own works to that? The Scriptures tell us that we are saved through faith. It is not of ourselves at all. It is the gift of God.

Clearly the Bible says right there, "NOT OF WORKS." If we were saved by our great works, we could boast about it. "Hey, look at me everyone! Look how great I am. Look at what I've done for Jesus." Nope. Jesus says, "I never knew you." You can't save yourself by being good!

You can't have God's grace and then work for salvation. It's not possible because God says so.

***Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.***

In other words, you can't be saved by grace and works. You can't add any work to grace. When you work for something, then you deserve it. When you work for something, you're paid for that work. God doesn't owe you anything. We are in debt to him. We can't work for salvation!!!

## **Being Saved Is The Gift Of God**

Did you take the gift of God today? If not, why wouldn't you take it? It's the best gift ever. Every lottery in existence is nothing compared to the gift of everlasting life. Everything you could have from that lottery is nothing. It all rusts. It all burns up. It all perishes. It won't make you happy. But I promise you today, the gift of God will bring true joy and peace in your life.

You'll know that death has no power over you any more. You'll know that Jesus has you in his hands. You'll know that God the Father is protecting you. You'll know that you have the Holy Spirit living within you. Yes, you will know you are safe now.

So, let me ask you? If I was going to give you a birthday gift, would I ask you to go work for it? Has anyone tried to give you a gift and then made you work for it? Some people might have tried, but the gift is no longer a gift because you earned it if you worked for it.

God says, "Hey, wake up!!! I didn't ask you to work for this gift!!!" Simply believe in the work that Jesus already did. He did all the work for you. Don't minimize the sacrifice he made. Don't think that you must do some additional work because Jesus didn't do a good enough job.

He took care of all the work. All you have to do is accept the gift. Please, whatever you do, do this



right now. Just call out to God and tell him that you believe Jesus is the Savior. Tell him that you believe he died on the cross, was buried, and rose again. Tell him now. Don't wait any longer. The only requirement to be saved is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Trust in Jesus alone to save you.

***Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.***

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I would love to hear from you. I would love to hear your story. Please let me know as hearing from you helps me. And, if I don't hear from you, I hope to see you in heaven some day. I hope you've believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have, I will see you in heaven. There is no doubt. Jesus saved us both. We'll have eternity to get to know each other! It's true.

And last of all, church doesn't save you. But God does command us to go to church.

***Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.***

He says to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Church is important because we gather together locally to help each other, to increase our faith, to learn from each other. We need the support of each other.

I hope to see you at church. Let's learn about God together. Let's learn who he really is by using the word of God. I'm sick and tired of all the false churches, false religions, and false preaching.

Let's get back to God alone and do this the way he wants it done. It's not a show! It's church.

I highly, highly, highly recommend that you get yourself a King James Bible. If you don't have one, and you can't afford one, please let me know. You can find an [online Bible](#) on our website and [free Bible downloads](#).

Thanks again for reading today, and I pray to God that you believe on Jesus to save you. There is nothing better. Now, read the Bible, work hard, and God will shine the light for your path. I couldn't understand the Bible until I was saved. Once God saved me, I've been working hard in the Bible ever since and he lights my path. He provides the understanding.

***Psalms 119:105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.***

Think about carrying a light as you walk through the darkness. You can't see the destination miles and miles away. But you can see a few feet in front of you. God wants you to work now that you're saved. As you work, he lights a little more. As you study his word, he lights more and more as you work. He says he will and he does.

Understand that you're only saved by the grace of God through the faith that you've placed on Jesus. Each day, you must make a decision to follow God. If you don't, it's okay because you're saved. But you need to get back to God as soon as you can. If you stray from God, your life will get worse. A good church will help you stay on the right path. A good church will guide you using the word of God.

That's why True Words Christian Church exists. We're here to win souls to Jesus Christ and to increase faith. I hope "How To Make It To Heaven" has done that for you today.

**May God Bless You,**  
*Joshua Tapp*