

Are You Ready For Eternity?

The Bible tells us in James 4:14 that “life is but a vapor, here for a little while then vanishing away.” We’re also told in Hebrews 9:27 “It’s appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment.” ***This life is not all there is and this life is not all that matters! There is something on the other side!***

Can we really know for sure where we are going when we die? The most important question anyone can answer is “where will I go when I die?”

*Death is never the _____...It’s only the _____!

Right now we live in time. But when we die we’ll live forever in another dimension known as eternity—it will last forever and ever. ***And if you believe the words of the Lord Jesus, some will live forever in heaven and others will live forever in hell!***

*Human beings have an _____ soul that will go on living forever long after the body dies.

There are several wrong ways people try to get to heaven!

1) “I’m going to heaven because I’m a _____ person and I do _____ things”

Most people believe that when they get to heaven God’s going to weigh the good they did with the bad they did and if the good outweighs the bad then they’re in! ***But God doesn’t grade on a curve!***

*The problem is that being “good” is not the standard to get into heaven—
...The standard God uses is absolute _____!

The problem is that nobody’s perfect! No matter how good a person you might be you can never be good enough! Romans 3:10 says “There is none righteous, no, not one...” Romans 6:23 says “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”. ***We all fall short of God’s standard because heaven is a perfect place and God is a perfect God—nothing less than perfection can enter into heaven or heaven would no longer be heaven!***

*Being good can’t bring us to God because our sin still _____ us from God!

1 John 1:8 says “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” We’ve all sinned and broken God’s standard. Compared to a sinless and Holy God, Isaiah 64:6 says our “righteousness is as filthy rags...” ***That means on our best day we can’t meet God’s standard—even when we’re doing good!***

*That’s why being a _____ person and a _____ person is not enough to get into heaven.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that *not of yourselves*; it’s the gift of God *not of works* lest anyone should boast.” Titus 3:5 says “Not by works of righteousness *we have done* but by His mercy He has saved us.”

2) “I’m going to heaven because I’m a _____ person and I go to church.”

Simply going to church doesn’t make you a Christian anymore than going into a garage makes you a car! ***Going to church or being religious doesn’t do anything to take away your sin!*** That’s why going to church and being religious cannot get you into heaven. ***It’s not about your religious affiliation or church denomination!***

*To God our sin _____ whether we go to church or not!

That’s why even good people and religious people can still die and go to hell!

*If God can't let a person into heaven with their sin...

Then the only other option is a place Jesus called _____!

You can say "I don't believe that." But it doesn't matter what anyone believes—all that matters is what God says! Truth is not determined by personal opinion or majority vote! Jesus said it and that settles it! He said in Mark 9:44 that hell "is where the worm dies not and the fire is not quenched"

3) "I believe everyone's going to heaven because all _____ lead there."

But Jesus said in John 14:6 "I'm the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." **Jesus is not a way--He's the way!**

*The reason why Jesus is the only way is no one else in history has ever _____ for your sins!

Jesus alone qualified to be our sin sacrifice because He alone is the sinless Son of God. He's the only one who could die for your sins, and He's the only one who did die for your sins. **That's why there is no other way!**

Every other religion in the world is about you trying to work your way to heaven by the things you do. But we've already seen that you can never do enough to reach God's standard. **But Christianity is not about what you do for God that gets you into heaven—it's about what God has done for you!**

*You don't get to heaven based on what you do for God...

But by what _____ has done for you through His Son Jesus Christ!

What must you do to get to heaven? It's as simple as ABC!

1) **A** _____ you're a sinner.

1 John 1:8 says "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Salvation begins with getting honest with God and saying "God I've sinned...I've done wrong...And I repent of it."

2) **B** _____ that Jesus died for your sins and that he rose from the dead.

Romans 10:9 "If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." 1 Peter 2:18 "For Christ suffered once for sins the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God." Romans 5:8 "For God demonstrates His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

1 John 1:7 "...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

*But it's more than believing _____ Jesus...It's personally trusting _____ Jesus!

3) **C** _____ Jesus as Lord of your life.

Romans 10:9 says "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus..." Romans 10:13 says "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved..." **Jesus is not your Savior unless He is also your Lord!**

*You must make a choice to _____ Jesus or _____ Jesus.

It's a choice between life or death...Choose Jesus and choose life...Reject Jesus and choose death! Everyone must choose. But choose wisely—it's a choice you will live with forever...even **ETERNITY!**