

The Most Important Question in Life

If you were to die tonight, where would you spend eternity? That really is the most important question in life. Each of us will die. Some of us spend serious time thinking about death, while others try to avoid that thought altogether. Why is this? Why do only human beings concern ourselves with thoughts about life after death? The answer is really simple. **The Bible teaches us that God has put the desire to live forever in our hearts because that is what He intends for each person.**

The Bible is a book of facts—truths tested and proven through the centuries. **Jesus Christ walked this very earth, performed miracles, died on a real cross and was literally raised from dead. God is ready and willing to show you the truth and to give you assurance that you can know where you will spend eternity.** Here are six steps and scriptures that can lead you to His path of eternal life.

FACT #1 - GOD'S INCREDIBLE LOVE

God loves you so much that He gave His Son to die for your sins. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

FACT #2 - HEAVEN'S ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT

Having the invisible God become real to us requires a miracle. That miracle is called the "new birth." Good works, church membership or a hundred other positive attributes can't cancel out God's one unchanging requirement to enter His kingdom: "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). What does this mean? Let's look at:

FACT #3 - GOD'S VERDICT

There is a wall that separates every man and woman from God. That wall is sin. When our lives are seen in the light of Christ's perfection, we see how far we have fallen in word, thought, and deed. We can also call sin a spiritual cancer, and a pure and holy God says we all have the disease. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

FACT #4 - GOD'S OFFER OF PARDON

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). What an amazing word from God. On the one hand—the terrible fact that the penalty for sin is death. This is not merely physical death, but a spiritual separation from a loving God forever. Then comes the awesome fact—God’s offer of his free gift of eternal life to all that come to Him. How do we do this?

FACT #5 - CHRIST'S INCREDIBLE INVITATION

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock, If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have fellowship with him and he with Me” (Revelation 3:20). Jesus stands at the door of every human heart. That heart is the real you, not merely the physical organ that pumps blood. Christ forces Himself on no one. He is waiting for you to answer His invitation to enter your life, forgive your sins and make you a new creation. You will then begin to discover His own wonderful plan for your life. And you will know for certain that Christ’s free gift of eternal life with Him is yours now and forever. Will you ask God to forgive your sins and receive Jesus into your life? Make this your sincere prayer:

“Dear God,

Thank You for loving me and sending Your precious Son, Jesus, to die for my sins. I want to be born again spiritually and have your gift of eternal life. I know I've broken Your laws and Your heart many times. I'm so sorry. I turn from my sins and my own ways and come to You. Cleanse my life and change me. I open my heart to Jesus Christ and receive Him as my Savior and Lord. Help me to love and trust You one day at a time. Thank You for hearing my prayer and for coming into my life. You are my heavenly Father and Jesus is now my personal Savior. Amen.”

FACT #6 - GOD'S INCREDIBLE GUARANTEE

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:13). Now that you have asked Christ to forgive you and save you, here is God’s answer as to where you will go after death. Look at the word again—“that you may K-N-O-W that you have eternal life.” That’s “now” —present tense! According to God’s Word, you can now confidently say, “If I were to die tonight, I would go to be with my Lord!”

We can help you begin your life in Christ. Look at the word “trust” and let’s give it practical meaning.

- ✓ **T**-ake time daily to talk to God in prayer.
- ✓ **R**-ead His word each day for spiritual food (a great place to begin is the gospel of John).
- ✓ **U**-nderstand that you need the strength and friendship of other true Christians who love the Lord. You will find that at a church where the Bible is preached and lived.
- ✓ **S**-tand on God’s promises in the Bible no matter how many times Satan tries to pull you back into your old ways of thinking and doing.
- ✓ **T**-ake every opportunity to tell others that you have opened your life to Christ.