

ETERNAL LIFE

God wants everyone in heaven.

1 Timothy 2: 4 [God] wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. NIV

Not everyone should be in heaven.

Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

What kind of God is God?

God is a being who can't stand sin.

Revelation 21:27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. NIV

We must find a way to get rid of our sin.

- Best I can
- More good than bad

Bad news and good news: The only way to get rid of sin is death.

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

Jesus' death deals with our sin if we put our faith in him.

Repent

Mark 1:15 “The time has come,” [Jesus] said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” NIV

Matthew 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

Transfer of trust

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. NIV

Say “Yes”

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. NIV

When we put our faith in him, amazing things happen.

Forgiven

Acts 26:17-18 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' NIV

1 John 3:4-6 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. NIV

Child of God

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. NIV