

Won't God simply forgive my sins and allow me into Heaven?

Most people today can easily see that they have broken God's laws at some point in their lives. Some will even admit that they are sinners. Most however imagine that when they stand before God one day, they will simply ask for forgiveness and God will overlook their sin.

We may see our sins as small and insignificant in comparison to others' sins; but God views them very differently. In His eyes, if we have broken one of his laws, it's as bad as if we broke all of them.

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

God is so perfect and holy that he simply cannot be in the presence of any sin. He cannot allow sin into heaven to dwell with him.

Adam & Eve only had to sin once before they were forced out of the Garden of Eden and away from God's presence. The punishment for their one disobedience was death. Immediately they experienced spiritual death and began the process of a previously unknown of physical death as well.

Adam's sin has passed onto all those born after him. Through his seed, we have all inherited a nature to sin and through him we all die.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Romans 5:12

We are ALL guilty and we are ALL already condemned because of our sin. The sentence has already been passed: Death and separation from God for all eternity in a place called hell.

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

The wages (the punishment we have earned) for our sin, according to God's word is death and separation from God in Hell.

A just judge here on earth who would allow a condemned criminal to go free merely upon his request for forgiveness would not be a just judge. For justice to be served, crime must be punished.

Our God is holy and righteous and far more just than any judge on earth. Since God is just and righteous, He must keep His word. Therefore, He must punish sin.

The good news is that God doesn't want us to spend an eternity in Hell. He wants to forgive us and bring us once again into fellowship with Him. God loves us so much that He sent his only son to take the punishment that we deserve, so that we could be forgiven.

Jesus Christ, who never sinned, or broke any of God's laws, took our punishment for us. He suffered and died in our place and then rose again the third day conquering death. He served our sentence so that justice would be satisfied, and we could be set free.

When we receive Christ as our Savior, we are no longer condemned. Our sentence has been paid and we are freed from the penalty of sin. Forgiveness is then ours as well as eternal life in heaven.

How do we receive this forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ?

*"... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:23b*

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

Salvation is a free gift from God received by faith in His precious Son, not by any works that we can do.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" Titus 3:5

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

We must repent and put our faith in Christ alone. That means that we must humble ourselves by acknowledging our sin and turning from it, renounce our efforts to save ourselves, and trust in the only one who can save us- Jesus Christ.

If you have believed the message of Christ today, find a Bible-believing Church, be baptized as a testimony of your faith, and read your Bible every day.

All scripture taken from the King James version of the holy Bible.



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