

**Do
Good People
Go to
Heaven?**



A mathematical analysis* of the heavenly city described in the Book of Revelation in the Holy Bible, shows that it is large enough to hold a trillion people — everyone who ever lived! (See Revelation 21:10-27)

The Good News is that the God of the Bible wants all men to *be saved*, make Heaven for eternity (1 Timothy 2:4); and, He is “not willing that any should *perish*”.

(2 Peter 3:9 NLT)

The Bad News is that no one can get there by being or doing good. When a man asked God's Son Jesus (meaning Savior) “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”; He responded with, “Why do you call Me good?”...“Only God is truly good.”

(Mark 10:17-18 NLT)

In context, Jesus brought up keeping the Ten Commandments (Mark 10:19) — a good thing to do. James, Jesus' half brother, pointed out, however, that being in right standing with a holy and perfect Creator, cannot be obtained by human effort alone.

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

Another Bible writer, the Apostle Paul, adds: “For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

(Galatians 2:16b; 3:11 NLT)

As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous—not even one...No one does good, not a single one.” (Romans 3:10,12 NLT)

Paul tells us the end result or consequence: For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

(Romans 3:23 NLT)

The New Way of Faith

In God’s holy and perfect system of justice, weighing our good deeds against our bad deeds doesn’t work.

But God established a new easy way that we can be right with Him and receive a ticket to Heaven as a free gift!

For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so He could have mercy on everyone. Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions and ways! (Romans 11:32-33)

When we were utterly helpless, with no way of escape, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners who had no use for him. Even if we were good, we really wouldn't expect anyone to die for us, though, of course, that might be barely possible. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since by his blood he did all this for us as sinners, how much more will he do for us now that he has declared us not guilty? Now he will save us from all of God's wrath to come. And since, when we were his enemies, we were brought back to God by the death of his Son, what blessings he must have for us now that we are his friends and he is living within us! Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins—making us friends of God. (Romans 5:6-11 TLB)

God's Offer to Us

For the free gift of eternal salvation is now being offered to everyone; (Titus 2:11 TLB)

But when the time came for the kindness and love of God our Savior to appear, then he saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of his kindness and pity—by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit, whom he poured out upon us with wonderful fullness—and all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did so that he could declare us good in God's eyes—all because of his great kindness; and now we can share in the wealth of the eternal life he gives us, and we are eagerly looking forward to receiving it. (Titus 3:4-7 TLB)

For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. **For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!**

(2 Corinthians 5:19-21 TLB)

Our Response to God's loving appeal

Anyone who calls upon the name of the

Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13 NLT)

God, in Jesus Christ, did His part about 2000 years ago in bridging the gap between Him and us.

God our Savior...longs for all to be saved and to understand this truth: *That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving his life for all mankind.* This is the message that at the proper time God gave to the world. (1 Timothy 2:3-6 TLB)

We have a role to play, confession to make, in receiving God's free gift of Heaven for our eternity.

(See Romans 6:23)

All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him. We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with

you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:18, 20 TLB)

Pray this **World's Most Important Prayer** aloud and from your heart:

Dear Jesus, Come into my heart, Forgive all my sins, Wash me in Your Blood, Write my name in the Book of Life, Fill me with the Holy Spirit so I can serve and obey You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Your Assurance of Salvation

God's Bible promises are your assurance that He is now living in you, you are His child, and that you will spend your eternity with Him. For example:

Jesus said, "Look! I have been standing at the door and am constantly knocking, if anyone hears me calling and opens the door, **I will come in** and fellowship with him and he with me." (Revelation 3:20 TLB)

But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them.

(John 1:12 TLB)

A Caution or Warning!

Although we could never be good enough to save ourselves, we must now live a life that pleases the Lord.

For the free gift of eternal salvation is now being offered to everyone; and along with this gift comes the realization that God wants us to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures and to live good, God-fearing lives day after day, looking forward to that wonderful time we've been expecting, when his glory shall be seen—the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. He died under God's judgment against our sins so that he could rescue us from constant falling into sin and make us his very own people, with cleansed hearts and real enthusiasm for doing kind things for others. (Titus 2:11-14 TLB)

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