

Have you considered that God loves you and wants to have a relationship with you? Are you 100% sure you will spend eternity with the Lord? *You can know.* First, you need to know who God is.

GOD is PERFECT and cannot dwell with sinners.

God's standard for entering heaven is absolute perfection. He says, "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is

perfect" (Mat. 5:48). "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 Jn. 1:5). The sad thing is, when He sees us as we are, He says: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one" (Rom. 3:10-12). Sin is "the transgression of the law" of God (1 Jn. 3:4). God tells us "you shall not…" lie… steal … commit adultery… (Ex. 20:1-17).

GOD is JUST and cannot overlook sin.

There is a day coming when God will repay us for all the good and evil we have ever done. God "has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). He says "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23a). The destiny of all people who have sinned at least one time is eternity in the Lake of Fire. He says "as for… all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

GOD is LOVE and has reached out to us.

"God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8), but this does not mean He lowers His standard of perfect holiness. God has provided a way to satisfy His holy nature and His righteous wrath against our sin. "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18). Jesus Christ, God's perfect Son, was crucified in your place and paid the penalty of eternal hell for you, if you will believe. Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6).

GOD will EXCHANGE our sinful deeds for Jesus' righteous deeds.

God "made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). When you believe that Jesus died for your sins and in your place, Jesus exchanges your record of sin with His perfect record of righteousness. You would then have a perfect record for the Day of Judgment.

GOD PROMISES TO GIVE you a new heart.

When you believe in Christ, God also promises to transform you! He says, "... from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to

walk in my statutes" (Eze. 36:25-27). All who are part of God's kingdom have been born again. Jesus said, "unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:3).

BE BROKEN for your sin.

Be broken because of your sin and turn to Jesus for mercy, and He will save you. Repent and turn to Him. "Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (Jms. 4:9-10). Say to God, "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight..." (Psa. 51:4). "Jesus says, "I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

TRUST CHRIST today!

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." (Jn. 3:36). "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16). Believe that He gave His precious life's blood for you. To all human beings, "the Holy Spirit says, Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..." (Heb. 3:7-8). "But to all who did receive him [Jesus], who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (Jn. 1:12-13). "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). "And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price" (Rev. 22:17).

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How have you responded to God's offer of salvation for you?	
Have you repented and given your sins to Jesus?	
Have you placed your faith in Jesus alone for eternal life?	
If so, are you willing to tell someone close to you, perhaps in your family or a friend?	

