



New Life in Christ

How to Be Sure You Are a Christian

Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that you are going to heaven?

You have just read life's most important question. To know that you have eternal life is absolutely essential to your well being, now and forever.

However, God has given us a clear word and promised a certain hope. From the Bible, read the words of 1 John 5:13:
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.

You can absolutely know that you are going to heaven! How? By believing on the name of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and trusting His word of promise.

Here Is the Good News:

1. Salvation is a free gift!

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 6:23

But, there is a problem...

2. Man is a sinner.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. – Romans 3:23

But no one is perfect! We have all sinned and therefore cannot save ourselves by simply living a good life. Why?

3. God is love and does not want to punish you, but He is also holy and therefore must punish sin.

Sin is God's enemy, and He hates it! His righteousness demands that something be done about our sin problem, for His words in Exodus 34:7, "by no means clear the guilty," points to no clemency for the sinner.

So we have a dilemma. How can God love us and, at the same time, judge our sin? The answer is the greatest news ever shared. Are you ready for this?

4. God solved the dilemma in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Bible declares, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." —John 1:1, 14

Jesus was fully God and fully man during his ministry on earth. The ultimate demonstration of His deity is the cross and resurrection. Jesus Christ made it possible for us to go to heaven by dying on the cross. He took our place of judgment, and the wrath of God that burns against sin fell on Him.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. —2 Corinthians 5:21





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What does all this mean?

5. Man can receive God's forgiveness of sin and gift of eternal life by faith.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. —Acts 16:31

Only by faith can we know God's love and forgiveness.

Have you made that commitment to Jesus Christ? Do you trust in Him alone for your salvation?

You can receive Jesus Christ right now by faith through prayer. God is not so much concerned with the words of your mouth as He is with the attitude of your heart. If you desire to have this certainty of salvation, you can right now!

