

HOW DO YOU KNOW You're going to Heaven?

**Bad
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Romans 3:23 says,

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

"Sin" means that we have missed the mark. When we lie, hate, gossip, or lust, we have missed the standard of perfection that God has set.

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Suppose you and I were each to throw a rock and try to hit the North Pole. You might throw farther than I, but neither of us would hit it. We would fall short. The same is true when it comes to sin. Everything we think, say, and do has to be perfect! There is no room for error.

The penalty for sin is death.

Romans 6:23 says,

"For the wages of sin is death."

Let's say you do some work for me and I paid you \$100. That \$100 was your wage. That's what you earned by working for me.

The Bible says that by sinning we have earned death. That means we deserve to die and be separated from God forever because of our sin.

**That seems pretty hopeless!
But wait...there is good news too!!**

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Romans 5:8 says,

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Christ died for you!

Let's suppose you are in a hospital dying of cancer and I come to you and say, "Let's take the cancer from your body and put it into my body."

If that were possible. I would die and you would live. I would die in your place.

Remember the penalty for sin? (It's death.) Jesus Christ took that penalty that we deserve, put it on Himself, and died in our place. He came back to life 3 days later to prove that He defeated sin and He is really God!



Ephesians 2:8-9 says,

You can be saved through faith in Christ

"God saved you by his grace (undeserved favor) when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."

Faith means trust.

Trusting in Jesus means you depend on Him alone to forgive you of your sins and to give you eternal life.

This is the biggest and greatest decision you'll ever make!

Why wait? You can pray and put your trust in Jesus right now!

Is there anything keeping you from trusting Jesus right now?

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It is not a prayer that saves you. Trusting in Jesus is what saves you. Why not tell God that you're trusting in Him by simply telling Him something like this...

God, I know that I have sinned. I know my sin separates me from you and I deserve to be punished. But I believe Christ died for me and rose from the grave. I trust Jesus alone as my Savior. Thank you for forgiving me and for giving me eternal life. Amen.

If you believe, here's what that means...

John 5:24 says,

*"He who **hears My word and believes in Him** who sent Me **has everlasting life**, and shall **not** come into judgment, but **has passed** from death into life."*

**Eternal life is a promise from God.
All He asks of us is to believe**