

#1: Do You Know For Certain?

If you were to die today, would you be certain that you would go to heaven?

"If you did die today, and you stood before God in heaven, and He asks you, 'Why should I let you in my heaven, what would you say?'"

The Bible says you can know for certain.

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13, NLT

Certainty comes from God. So, what is God like?

What is God like?

1. God is love.

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:8, NLT

2. God is holy.

For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16, NLT

To be holy, means that God is **pure**.

But you are pure and cannot stand the sight of evil. Habakkuk 1:13, NLT

To be holy, means that God is also **righteous**.

For the righteous LORD loves justice. Psalm 11:7, NLT

To be holy, means that God is **just and fair**.

But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will judge everyone according to what they have done.

Romans 2:5–6, NLT

What are people like?

We sin.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23, NLT

What is the result of breaking God’s laws?

Death: Separation from God both now and eternally.

They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power. 2 Thessalonians 1:9, NLT

What can we do to save ourselves?

Nothing.

For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws. James 2:10, NLT

How did God solve this problem?

God Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, died in our place.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8, NLT

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. 1 Peter 3:18, NLT

Does everybody receive this gift?

No. Only those who believe in Jesus Christ receive eternal life.

God saved you by his grace 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. Ephesians 2:8–9, NLT

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16, NLT



If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” Romans 10:9–11, NLT

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12, NLT

And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life. 1 John 5:11–12, NLT

Does this make sense to you?

You must make a deliberate choice in order to receive Jesus.

You can simply talk to God (pray) and express:

1. That you are a sinner.
2. That the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only solution for your sin.
3. That you are placing your trust in Jesus Christ alone.
4. Thanksgiving for His forgiveness and the gift of eternal life.

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” John 5:24, NLT

Your Response this Week:

1. Pray to receive Jesus into your life.
2. Record your spiritual “birthday” here: “On _____ (month) ____ (day) _____ (year) I received Jesus into my heart to be my savior. He forgave my sin, became my Lord and took control of my life. Now I have become a child of God and a new creation. I have begun a new life.”
Signature: _____
3. Share this lesson with someone who needs to hear it. Who is it?