

WHERE
WILL YOU
SPEND
ETERNITY?



THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

The most important question in life is, *"Where will I spend Eternity?"* To answer this, first you must consider what God is like. The Bible teaches us that God is all-powerful, filled with perfect justice, all-knowing, merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love. But the Bible teaches that God *"will not allow the wicked to go unpunished."* (Isaiah 6:3, Exodus 34:5-7). To see how you stand with God, compare yourself to *His standard, the Ten Commandments* (Exodus 20). Have you obeyed them? Here are just a few to check:

"You shall not bear false witness." God states that lying is an abomination (Proverbs 6:17) and *"all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire"* (Revelation 21:8). If you tell even **ONE** lie, then you are a **LIAR** in God's eyes.

"You shall have no other gods before Me." Jesus said, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."* (Mark 12:30). Have you **always** put God first? If not, then you have broken this commandment.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Have you ever used God's Name as a curse word? If so, then you're a

blasphemer. God promises to hold those accountable who take His Name in vain. (Deuteronomy 5:11).



"You shall not murder." Jesus said if you hate your brother; then you've *murdered* him in your heart (Matthew 5:22). If you've done this, you're a *murderer* and will not inherit eternal life. (1 John 3:15).

"You shall not commit adultery." Jesus said, "whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). The Bible states, "fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). If you've lusted after someone you're not married to, or had sex outside of marriage, you're an adulterer under God's judgment.

"You shall not steal." Regardless of the value, theft is taking anything that doesn't belong to you. If we've ever downloaded music we didn't pay for, or streamed a movie we didn't pay for, we're guilty of theft.

If we've ever goofed off at work while being paid by the hour, we are a thief. This is serious because the Bible warns us, thieves will NOT enter eternal life (1 Corinthians 6:10).

Jesus summed up what God requires when he said simply, "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). The problem is that none of us do love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We're all selfish and self-protective and we all want things our way. Listen to your conscience, you know it's true.

All have sinned, and the Bible says, *"For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all"* (James 2:10).

When we compare ourselves to God's Law, we can see that we are *idolaters, blasphemers, liars, murderers, adulterers, and thieves at heart*. If we're honest, we would admit that we have broken ALL of these commandments, numerous times.

A TERRIFYING TRUTH

The most TERRIFYING truth in the Bible is this... God is GOOD. Why is that terrifying? God is good, and we are not. Where does that leave us? Justice must be done. Imagine being guilty in court and saying to the judge, "I'm guilty but I believe you're a good Judge and you will overlook my crimes," the Judge would respond, "You're right, *I am* a good Judge; and *because I'm a good Judge, I must ensure that justice is served.*"

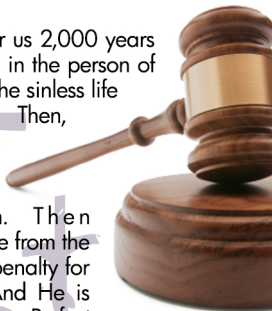
Because God is good, he MUST punish lawbreakers, and that's you and me and everyone we know. Any sin is an infinite offense against a Holy God. God's just punishment is called the Lake of Fire (eternal flames and darkness - Mark 9:48, Matt 8:12). Listen to your conscience. You know this is true.

The Bible says that it is evil to justify the wicked (Proverbs 17:15). Because God can't do evil, he won't excuse sinners. If he did, he'd be unjust and evil. But there is hope...

GUILTY AS CHARGED

Imagine yourself in a courtroom as a criminal, guilty of serious crimes. You are tried, convicted, and sentenced to life in prison, or a fine of a million dollars. As the guard leads you away, the judge himself then steps down and pays your fine in full. You're free to go! Though you are guilty of the crimes, your fine has been paid! Justice has been satisfied, and the judge showed himself to be both merciful AND just.

That's what God did for us 2,000 years ago. God took on flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; who lived the sinless life that we could not. Then, because of His love, offered Himself on the cross, bearing the full wrath of God for our sin. Then on the third day, He rose from the dead and showed the penalty for sin being fully paid. And He is coming back to be the Perfect Judge.





You're guilty, but Jesus paid the fine. The Bible says, *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8). *"This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins"* (1 John 4:10).

So what should you do? God commands you to *repent* and put your trust in Jesus Christ ALONE for the forgiveness of sins. Abandon the thinking that your "good deeds" will help you on Judgment Day. The Bible says that our good deeds are like "filthy rags" before God. (Isaiah 64:6) They DO NOT make up for sin. Approach God like this: Imagine a man who has committed adultery on his wife. Does his wife want a scripted apology? Of course not. Instead, his apology should be with utmost humility, sincerity, and you'll know he means it because he'd be disgusted by the thought of returning to his mistress.. So cry out to God; humbly asking for mercy, confessing and forsaking your sins. Read Psalm 51 to see how King David prayed to God when he sinned.



The Bible says *"But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word."* (Isaiah 66:2)

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

Jesus said, "*you must be born again*" (John 3:7). Those who repent and trust in Jesus will be born again spiritually. God will give you a new heart with new desires. You will literally be adopted as a child of God! The Holy Spirit will dwell in your heart and you will desire the things that please God. You'll want to grow in holiness and your knowledge of God. You'll want to study your Bible and tell others about Jesus. Read your Bible daily and obey it. Find a Bible-preaching church, and get to know other believers.

Where will you spend Eternity? God pours His great love on those who repent of their sin and believe that Jesus died for sinners, rose from the dead, and is coming back. Please seriously consider this because your soul is worth it. There is nothing more important than where you will spend Eternity.

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