One Question: Are you good enough to go to Heaven?

Most people think they are good. But the most important question you can ask yourself is, "Am I good enough to go to Heaven?" The answer to that question will have an eternal impact. The way you can find out is by seeing who God is and what He thinks about you.

God Is Creator

Contemporary thinking says man is the product of evolution. But God says in the Bible that He created man to love, serve, and enjoy endless fellowship with Him. The New Testament tells us it was Jesus who created everything (John 1:1). Therefore, as Creator, God owns and rules everything (Psalm 24:1). That means He has authority over our lives, and we owe Him absolute allegiance, obedience, and worship.

God Is Holy

God is absolutely and perfectly holy (Isaiah 6:3). Therefore, He cannot commit or approve of evil (Numbers 23:19). God also requires holiness of us as well. First Peter 1:16 says, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Are you good?

According to God, everyone is guilty of sin. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." That doesn't mean we are incapable of performing acts of kindness. But we are incapable of understanding, loving, or pleasing God on our own. Are you good? God answers that question in Romans 3:12, "There is none who does good, there is not even one."

Sin Demands a Penalty

God's holiness and justice demand that all sin be punished by death. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death . . ." Simply changing your patterns of life and being "good" cannot solve your sin problem or eliminate its consequences.

God Provided a Savior

Even though God's justice demands death for sin, His love has provided a Savior who paid the penalty and died for sinners (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus Christ's perfect life and death satisfied the demands of God's holiness and justice. This enables God to forgive sinners and save those who place their faith in Jesus. Romans 6:23 continues, "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

How can you be saved?

God tells us in the Bible that we must repent of our sin (Acts 17:30). Repentance is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sin to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin.

God also tells us that we must place our faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9 says, "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." You must repent and place your faith in Christ alone for salvation.

Are you good enough to go to Heaven? As you have seen, the answer to that question is "No." However, the good news is God tells us in the Bible that through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, you can be saved from your sin and spend eternity in Heaven with God.

Conclusion

If you have read through this tract and desire to repent from your sin and place your faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, all you have to do is talk to God through prayer. Confess your sin to Him and ask Him to save you as you place your faith in Jesus.

Part of the Christian life is growth. Just as a baby needs milk in order to grow, a Christian grows through reading and obeying the Bible. If you have a Bible, a good place to start is the Gospel of John. If you need a Bible, please contact our office at Faith Bible Church and someone will get you a Bible.

Christians also grow through being a part of a Bible-believing church. Jesus has established the church for Christians to grow closer to Him and one another. You are invited to join us at Faith Bible Church on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email the church office and our pastor would be delighted to talk with you.

