

# GETTING INTO HEAVEN

## 1 - The Way Into Heaven Provided

**John 3:16 (NIV)** - For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Romans 3:25 (NIV)** - God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.

## 2 - What's Required of Us?

**Romans 10:9 (NIV)** - If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

## 3 - But I'm a Good Person

**Romans 3:21-24 (NIV)** - But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 16:25 (NIV)** - For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it.

**Mark 8:34-35 (NIV)** - Then he called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me and for the Gospel will save it.

## 4 - What About My Good Works?

**Luke 23:39-43 (NIV)** - One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise. (**The thief had no opportunity for "good works"**)

## 5 - Will Everyone Be Saved?

**Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)** - Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it

## 6 - Conclusion

Death, disease, and heartache was not part of God's creation. It was Adam who disobeyed and brought into the world all that is wrong and counter to God's design. Because God is righteous, He could not let disobedience go unchecked. Because He is a loving God, He provided a way for us to be reconciled back to Him. It is called the "Good News" because everything has already been done for us. There is nothing we can do to get into Heaven and reconciled back to God. It was through Adam's choice of disobedience that we were separated so it must be by our personal decision to be reconciled back to God. Ask God for forgiveness and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior today.