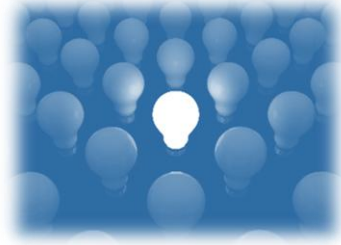


## Does the Lord love everyone?



The answer to this question is a little like the response of a client to his psychiatrist. The doctor asked, “Do you have trouble making up your mind?” “Well, yes and no,” the patient answered. The story is old. Our question more ancient. Having the right reaction likely determines whether hell or heaven is in our future.

A popular television personality admitted that she practiced a sin God’s word condemns. Hollywood and much of the media highly commended her. One popular talk show host declared: “My God and my Jesus love everybody.” Did she speak accurately? Definitely. God sent Jesus to help everyone. All people, regardless of background, are precious to God; **“He is not willing that any should perish.”**

When we conclude that God loves everyone, we must remember what John the Baptist preached and Jesus further emphasized: **“Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** My wife and I love all our children. We love them so much that when they were young and behaved inappropriately, we applied the “board of education” to their backsides. We knew the dangers for them if they didn’t alter their ways. What changes must we make in order to enjoy God’s grace and attain heaven?

*I Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-23, and Revelation 21:7, 8* list the behaviors that disqualify us from God’s kingdom. Our future in heaven or hell depends on whether we quit doing these things and begin lovingly obeying the Word of God; not the word of talk show hosts, politicians, celebrities, and religious bigwigs.

*Bob Blair*

[www.robertblairbooks.com](http://www.robertblairbooks.com)