

Our lives on earth average only about 75 years. But the Bible, God's Word, says that life on earth is a fleeting moment and there is another part of our life that lasts for eternity. We either spend eternity in Heaven where there will be no more tears and we will rejoice and worship God forever. Or we spend eternity in hell separated from God where, the Bible says, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in the lake of fire. Those are the only two options for our eternal life. God's word is very clear about that fact. After all, if we have decided that God and the Bible are truly real and He created life, then we have to believe what the Bible says is true. So where would you like to spend **your** eternity? **Selah-stop and think about it.**

So how do we get to heaven? In the Bible, Jesus says:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to Father except through me".John 14:6

And the Bible says:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned but; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:16-21

So we see there is a choice to make. The Bible clearly states that if we believe in Jesus then our hearts will turn from sin and we will have eternal life in heaven. And that is the **ONLY** way to heaven is through Jesus. In Luke 5:31, Jesus says:

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

But many people say they are good and do not do bad things. People will say,"well I'm not a murderer or a rapist or a drug dealer or a bank robber, so I am not a bad person. Or people will say,"I am not as bad as that person" so they feel they are good enough to go to Heaven.

**BUT** in God's eyes and on his scale for what is good, the best that any person can offer is not that good. Here's what the Bible says about our 'goodness':

"**All** of us have become like one who is unclean, and **all** our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away." Isaiah 64:6

"For **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Rom 3:23

If you noticed I bold faced the word **all** in these scriptures . That **all** means **everyone** from **all times**. It is scary to think that the best we have to offer, the best deeds we do, are like stinky rags in the sight of a holy and righteous God. He sees our motives and knows our hearts- that

they are not 100% pure. The Ten Commandments not only show us how to live and behave, but they show us that we are sinners in need of God's grace because we can not keep all of them all the time. We constantly fail trying despite our good intentions. We lie, steal, covet, commit adultery, do not honor our parents, and the list goes on. Did you know that according to the Ten Commandments that if you look at another woman with lust, you are an adulterer in God's eyes (Matt 5:27-28). Think about that the next time you do a double take at a beautiful woman or handsome man. Or did you know that to hate somebody is the same as murder in God's eyes (1 John 5:15).

In fact if you have ever stolen anything (a penny, flower, ketchup packet at a McDonalds, paperclip from work, etc) , and if you ever told a lie, and if you lustfully look at a woman when you are married, then according to God's standards you are a lying, thieving, adulterer. Ouch, that's harsh! But that is the truth!!!

That is why God sent Jesus to us, because He knew we could not live a life without sinning- we needed help. And in Revelation 21:27 it says that sin is not allowed into heaven. Jesus delivered a message of hope for us through God's mercy and grace. He delivered a message that God loves us and wants to be with us and that the way to eternal life with God is through Jesus.

This is the truth and it is written in our hearts no matter what we say we believe. We have suppressed the truth to selfishly pursue the things we desire in life. The Bible says:

“Even gentiles (non-jews or non-believers), who do not have God's written law, show that they know His law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right” Romans 2:14-15

God's written law here is the Ten Commandments which tell us right and wrong and show us we need help from a savior. Jesus brought us that hope and He gave His life for us. Why? Because God loves you and me so very much.

“ But God demonstrates His own love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

So here it is, God loves you and wants you to return to Him. The evidence presented shows that God is true and real. The light of Jesus is written in man. We have seen a lot of evidence and our brains are telling us the evidence shows us the truth. But we need that belief to sink down into our heart where it will fully latch on to us. We know deep down inside what we need to do. So what will you do? God is calling you back to Him. Will you answer His call? Remember, Heaven and Hell are **forever!** We have a choice to make that will affect where we will spend our eternity. Will you follow your head and your heart and respond to God who is calling you right this instant? Believe and you will be set free to a life of peace here on earth knowing you have an eternity in Heaven with God. I sincerely pray you make a choice for Jesus and Heaven.

**Selah, stop and think about all we have seen here. THIS IS NO JOKE, it is a matter of life or death, heaven or hell, peace or anguish for YOU FOR ETERNITY. Don't you think that for such an important topic, you should give it some deep and serious thought and consideration?** (review the information, I encourage you to read the Gospel of John in the Bible). **Now listen to what your heart is telling you. You now see**

**how much God loves you and how to be free from the lies of the devil and turn back to the one and only true God who deeply loves you. It is never too late, The Bible says that God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins if we confess them to Him, 1 John 1:9.**

**You can be saved and know that you are saved right this very instant. Talk to God and tell Him you believe in the forgiveness of your sins through believing that Jesus came to give us the message of hope, forgiveness, and salvation. Tell Him you believe in Jesus, ask for forgiveness and turn to Him. Tell Him you believe Jesus paid the price for your sins by dying on the cross for you and that he rose from the grave (Romans 10:9). If you tell God this and really mean it in your heart, then God has a place for you in Heaven! Congratulations and hallelujah, you are saved !!!!!!!**

So now what? Seek out a Bible believing church and talk to somebody there. Tell them what you have done and ask what is next. They will help you learn more about God through His Word.

God bless you and your families!!! Remember, God loves you!!!!!!

***THANK YOU***