

No Comparison Scripture References and Quotes

Comparison is the Death of Joy (Mark Twain)

The Two Questions:

- 1.) "Are you 100% sure that if you die tonight that you would go to heaven?"
- 2.) "Suppose you were to die tonight and stand before God and He were to ask you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you say?"

What the Bible Says

Romans 3:23 - "there are none righteous, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Old Testament: Old Covenant: "under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." Hebrews 9:22

New Testament: New Covenant: God sent His own Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice for MY sins! "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"As far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18

Dangerous Journey (Children's version of Pilgrim's Progress - Page 40)

"How his burden got on his back in the first place, and why no one else has burdens - we are not told. But never had he been so eager as he was now to be rid of it. And that - did he but know it - was half the battle.

At the foot of a hill, he passed an open tomb. Then up again, upon a little knoll, he found himself beneath a wayside cross. And as its shadow fell across him, so suddenly the burden, slipping from his shoulders, fell from off his back. It tumbled down the hill. It tumbled into the mouth of the tomb. It was never seen again.

He kept feeling his back. He couldn't believe it. For it was very surprising to him that the simple act of gazing at the cross had set him free, and his burden of guilt was gone!"

Learning To Delegate:

"Moses took his place to judge the people. People were standing before him all day long, from morning to night. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, 'What's going on here? Why are you doing all this, and all by yourself, letting everybody line up before you from morning to night? ... This is no way to go about it. You'll burn out, and the people right along with you. This is way too much for you - you can't do this alone..."

Let me tell you how to do this so that God will be in this with you...'

(Jethro Tells Moses How To Delegate To Others)

"They'll be responsible for the everyday work of judging among the people. They'll bring the hard cases to you, but in the routine cases they'll be the judges. They will share your load and that will make it easier for you. If you handle the work this way, you'll have the strength to carry out whatever God commands you." (Exodus 18:12-23)

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name;
You *are* Mine. When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you. For I *am* the Lord your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; ... since you were precious in My sight,
You have been honored, And I have loved you ... Fear not, for I *am* with you."
Isaiah 43: 1-5

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139: 13-16

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

Parallel Train Tracks – Remember that good and bad things are often happening at the same time. Although we must acknowledge that life is sometimes difficult and events painful, we don't have to lose sight of the good. Don't let the difficulties of life steal the joy that is right there beside it.

If you have never asked God to forgive your sins, you can do it right now. 2 Corinthians 6:2 says, "For he says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." Pray to Him now.

Dear Lord Jesus,
I do believe You are the Son of God and that You died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I invite you to come into my life, forgive my sin, and take control of my life. Thank you for Your gift of eternal life and for Your Holy Spirit, who has come to live in me. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

