

Here's How You Can Know!

I John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life . . ."

First, you must realize that God's Word says we are all sinners and our sin has separated us from a Holy God.

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:10 "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one."

No one is perfect. No one has lived up to God's perfect standard. (**James 2:10**)

Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you . . ."

Second, you must realize that as a sinner you owe a penalty.

Romans 6:23a "For the wages (*payment*) of sin is death..."

This death is described in the Bible as the second death or the lake of fire - eternal separation from God.

Revelation 20:14,15 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

If we pay what we owe as sinners, we must spend an eternity in the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the **second death**."

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"

Yes, the Bible teaches that there is an eternal lake of fire where religious, as well as ungodly, sinners go who find no way of paying the penalty of their sin. No imperfect sinner can pay his own sin debt because God demands a perfect sacrifice for sin.

Third, you must realize that Jesus Christ, God's perfect sacrifice, has already paid our sin debt.

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth (*proved*) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**."

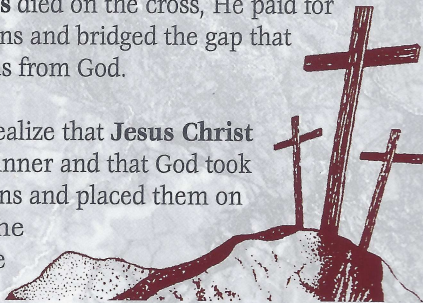
II Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

John 3:16 "For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I Peter 3:18a "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. . ."

When **Jesus** died on the cross, He paid for all of our sins and bridged the gap that separated us from God.

You must realize that **Jesus Christ** was not a sinner and that God took all of our sins and placed them on Jesus at the cross. While Jesus was bearing all of our sins in His own body, God punished Him in our place to pay the sin debt that we owe. Jesus became our substitute. Praise the Lord!



Fourth, you must receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour and what He did for you at Calvary on the cross.

John 1:12a "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . ."

Romans 6:23b ". . .but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 10:9,10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that **God hath raised him from the dead**, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word "believe" means to trust - to depend on. To believe on the **Lord Jesus Christ** means that you accept the following facts: that you are a sinner; that as a sinner you owe a sin debt; that Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His **precious blood** to pay the debt you owe; and that after three days and three nights, He arose bodily and victoriously, conquering sin and death and hell. To believe means going beyond mere intellectual assent. It means to place your faith totally in Him - plus nothing and minus nothing - forever to save you from hell, forgive you of your sins, and give you the gift of eternal life. Most importantly, *when you completely trust Him to get you to Heaven, it will be forever settled, once and for all.*

My friend, why not trust Jesus now and pray . . .

Dear Lord Jesus, I realize that I am a sinner and that I deserve to pay my own sin debt. I believe You became my substitute on the cross, paying the sin debt I owe, and that Your shed blood, death, burial, and bodily resurrection from the grave were for me.

I do so now believe in You with all my heart and put my faith 100% totally in You alone as my Lord and Saviour. I now trust You to forgive me of all my sins and cleanse me with Your precious blood. Please save me from hell, and give me the wonderful gift of eternal life. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving me and making me Your child. Amen.