

the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Most people's repentance is fake. They love their sin but don't like the punishment that they deserve and their "repentance" is merely an attempt to escape the judgment that they justly deserve while hanging on to their evil deeds.

John 3:19 (KJV) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, **and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

John 3:20 (KJV) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

5. Receive Jesus As Your God

The final step of salvation, and most important, is to receive Jesus Christ as your God. Just believing that God exists is not enough to get to heaven, even the devils believe that God exists.

James 2:19 (KJV) Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble**

It is one thing to believe that Jesus is God, it is another thing to make him your God. But, when we receive Jesus Christ as our God then He gives us eternal life, He writes our name in the Book of Life, we become His child, we go to heaven for sure!

John 1:12 (KJV) **But as many as received him,** to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:13 (KJV) **Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

What good news this is! We are now no longer relying on our good deeds to save us but relying on the gift that God gave to us, eternal life through Jesus Christ. This "Good News" is called the "Gospel" and the gospel is what the story of the Bible is all about.

1 Corinthians 15:3 (KJV) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures;

1 Corinthians 15:4 (KJV) And that **he was buried,** and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures:

***Why not receive Jesus Christ as your God today?
All you have to do is pray and ask!***

Romans 10:9 (KJV) 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**

If you truly believe that Jesus is God, that he died for your sins, was buried and rose again the third day and you want to be delivered from your sin, you want God to change your life, you want to be God's child and have a home in heaven after you die then pray the following prayer.

Dear heavenly Father:

I know that I'm a sinner; I know that I can't save myself; I know that you, Jesus Christ, are God. I am sorry for my sins and repent, please forgive me. I believe that you died for my sins, were buried, and rose again the third day. I receive you as my God. Please save me today.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, and you meant it, then you are now God's child, you have been born again, heaven is your home for sure. Welcome to the family of God!

CLEARVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Morning	10:30 am

If You Died Tonight Would You Go To Heaven or Hell?

That is the most important question to which a person needs to know the answer. The Bible tells us that after we die then we are going to stand in judgment for what we have done in this life.

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

Hell is a real place. It is a place of fire and torment. In the gospel of Luke we find the account of a rich man that died and went to hell and he lifted up his eyes in torment.

Luke 16:22 (KJV) And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: **the rich man also died,** and was buried;

Luke 16:23 (KJV) **And in hell he lift up**

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his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:24 (KJV) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Hell is a place of fire and torment, a place no one should have a desire to be. So, the ultimate question is, how do you go to heaven?

The 5 Steps Of Salvation

There are 5 things that you must do in order to be saved.

1. Recognize That You Are A Sinner

If you aren't a sinner then you don't need to be saved. You should not have a fear of dying and going to hell because you have never done anything wrong. However, the Bible teaches us that we have all sinned.

Romans 3:10 (KJV) As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

Romans 3:23 (KJV) For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;

2. Recognize That You Can't Save Yourself

Most people think that if their good deeds outweigh their bad deeds then they will go to heaven. The only problem is that the Bible teaches that if you break one commandment it is like you have broken all of the commandments.

James 2:10 (KJV) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

James 2:11 (KJV) For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery,

yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

So, if you are trying to do good deeds in order to get to heaven then you are going to have to be perfect. That is some pretty bad news because no one is without sin. The good news is that we don't get to heaven by our good deeds, by our works. Salvation is a gift of God that is not related to our works.

Ephesians 2:8 (KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God

Ephesians 2:9 (KJV) Not of works, lest any man should boast.

God loved us so much that he gave us a gift, the gift was his only begotten Son.

John 3:16 (KJV) 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.

As we read through the Bible we notice that salvation is never obtained by a work or works that we do, it is a gift that is given to us by the mercy and grace of God because He loves us.

Titus 3:5 (KJV) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

3. Recognize That Jesus Is God

Jesus Christ is God and God (Jesus Christ) will not allow us into heaven if we do not recognize Him (Jesus Christ) as God.

How would you react if someone came over to your home and refused to recognize you as the head of your

home? You would throw them out. That is the same way that it is with God. If we aren't going to recognize who the true God is (and submit to Him) then we won't be in His home (heaven).

1 John 5:20 (KJV) And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

God is a trinity, just like man is a trinity. Man is composed of a body, soul, and spirit. Death is when our soul and spirit leave our body. Our body is left behind on earth but our spiritual being stands before God in judgment. We are not three people, just one person, but composed of a body, soul, and spirit.

The same is true about God, He is a trinity: one God composed of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

1 John 5:7 (KJV) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.

4. Repent Of Your Sins

Repentance is not the same thing as "penance". Repentance is having a sorrow for having sinned, a turning away from the sin toward God, having a desire to stop sinning and to live holy.

2 Corinthians 7:9 (KJV) Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (KJV) For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but