

## 1. Obey the Ten Commandments.

*“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all”* (James 2:10). *“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them”* (Galatians 3:10, 11). If we will be honest and appraise ourselves in the Light of God’s moral law (Exodus 20:3-17) we will unmistakably see that we have fallen short of the glory of God. The law could only provide evidence that testifies that we are without doubt transgressors of the law and therefore sinners. The law then, could never give life nor make one righteous and acceptable to God.

**2. Believe in God.** *“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble”* (James 2:19). *“God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment”* (2 Peter 2:4). Certainly one must believe in God, but believing in God will not get you to heaven for the Scriptures have proven that even the angels that sinned, although they believed in God were cast down to hell.

**3. Be Baptized.** *“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”* (1Corinthians 1:17). God has promised to *“save them that believe”* (v. 21) the *“gospel”*. Jesus said, *“He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”* (John 5:24). Those who believe God concerning His Son Jesus Christ will never come into condemnation. Water Baptism as evidently set forth in the Scriptures certainly cannot save one

from the fires of hell, neither can it wash away sin. Rather, it is a confession of those who have already been saved and redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, which alone can wash away sin. In the Bible, only believers are ever baptized. The Ethiopian Eunuch asked, *“What doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest”* (Acts 8:36-38).

**4. Going to Church.** *“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work”* (Romans 11:6). There can never be any admixture of grace with that of works. The verb “go” is something that an individual does. But we are not saved by anything we do, rather we are saved when we believe what Christ has done for us. If salvation was by church attendance, we would never have the security of salvation because the question is never answered, How much is enough? Adding human works to God’s grace would only *“frustrate the grace of God”* (Galatians 2:21), and Christ would become of no benefit to you.

**5. Keeping the Sacraments.** *“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”* (Matthew 15:9). *“Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye”* (Mark 7:13). The word “sacrament” is never mentioned in the Bible but is the invention of men who claim they are necessary for salvation. The Bible says *“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them”* (Isaiah 8:20). (See also # 4 above)

**6. Doing Good Works.** *“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness”* (Romans 4:4-5). *“For by grace*

*are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”* (Ephesians 2:8, 9). *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us... through Jesus Christ our Saviour”* (Titus 3:5-6). If we could be saved by our own good works *“then Christ is dead in vain”* (Galatians 2:21), but the Bible tells us we were called *“not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus”* (1 Timothy 1:9). (See also: Philipians 3:9, Galatians 2:16, Isaiah 64:6, Acts 13:38-39; see also #’s 4 & 5)

**7. Live a Decent and Honest Life.** *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one ... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:10-12, 23). Trying to live a decent and honest life could never pay off the debt of sin for *“the wages [payment] of sin is death”* (Romans 6:23). This is a binding transaction called *“the law of sin and death”* (Romans 8:2). (See also #’s 4, 5 & 6)

**8. I don’t believe in God or heaven.** *“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good”* (Psalm 14:1). *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death”* (Proverbs 14:12).

**9. Everyone goes to Heaven.** *“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”* (Revelation 21:8). *“The*

wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalms 9:17).

**10. Repent and believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins, was buried, and rose from the dead according to the Scriptures.** “God ... commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30). “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**” (1Corinthians 15:1-4). “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15). **This is the only right answer!**

**Summary:** The Bible is absolutely clear. Man is defiled with sin and nothing that defiles shall enter into heaven (Revelation 21:27). Man will spend eternity separated from God in hell if he dies in his sin. What then ought we to do? Pious men may go through all sorts of religious activities “and yet [are] not washed from their filthiness” (Proverbs 30:12). “Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1:15). No kind of religious activity whatever it may be is able to wash away our filthy stains. Death is the payment for sin; therefore blood is required “for the life of the flesh is in the blood” (Leviticus 17:11). If man pays with his own blood surely he will perish. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Romans 5:8-9). The Philippian Jailor asked,

“what must I do to be saved?” and the simple answer came back, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” (Acts 16:30,31).

Trust God alone believing His Word and He will save you. “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6). “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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:16-17).

But be warned, what you believe can also bring a curse on you. “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (Galatians 1:8). To add anything to the “gospel” is to reject the sufficiency of God’s grace and thereby “pervert the gospel of Christ”. Such were certain men from Judea who “believed” the gospel but added circumcision and law keeping as a necessity for salvation (Acts 15:1, 5, 24, Galatians 2:4-5). These Paul condemned with the harshest words found in the New Testament saying, “If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (Galatians 1:9). This reminds us of those same frightful words of Christ, “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41).

The “wages [payment] of sin is death”, but the “good news” (the gospel) is that “Christ died for our sins”. Believe God today and by faith, receive Christ trusting Him alone to cleanse your sins and save you from hell and you will receive God’s free gift of eternal life!

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# How Do I Get To Heaven?

*A self-evaluation survey*  
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