IF YOU DIED TONIGHT, ARE YOU 100% SURE YOU WOULD GO TO HEAVEN?

If you are not 100% sure, you NEED to read this.

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Jesus Christ claims He is the **only way** to Heaven. John 14:6 - "*I (Jesus) am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.*" But should we care? Who's to say Jesus' claims are actually true? Should we even use the Bible as a trustworthy source of information? Wait, does God and Heaven really exist?

Here are a few pieces of evidence for why we need to take Jesus' claims and the Bible as a whole, seriously:

1. CHRISTIANITY IS BASED ON AN EVENT

If Jesus really did die on a cross and rise from the dead three days later as He predicted, it confirms He is who He claims to be and all His words are true.

Why? He claimed to be the I AM, Son of God, one with the Father, giver of eternal life, and the Messiah (the Savior who takes away the sin of the world). If he didn't rise from the dead, that means he isn't actually who he said he was and we don't need to listen to him. But if He did rise from the dead, we best follow what He says because eternal salvation & the afterlife depends on it.

2. DID THE EVENT ACTUALLY HAPPEN?

If you want to prove Christianity false, your entire argument needs to start and end with this. However, modern atheist scholars don't even dispute that Jesus existed and died on a cross. For example, "Jesus' death as a consequence of crucifixion is indisputable" (Atheist Scholar - Gerd Lüdemann).

For the resurrection, Jesus was raised to life on the 3rd day and was seen by more than 500 of His followers after His death (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). His disciples continued to preach & teach that Jesus is alive, even up to the point of death from persecution which demonstrates they were not just making it up. There is also an empty tomb to confirm the story.

To go deeper on the subject, two great books to read are <u>A Case for Christ</u> by Lee Strobel and <u>More Than A</u> <u>Carpenter</u> by Josh McDowell.

3. DIVINE AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is the world's best-selling book of all time. It is a collection of 66 books, covering 4,000+ years of human history, & claims to be divinely inspired while being written by men (2 Timothy 3:16). The New Testament has over 25,000 manuscripts, far more than any other ancient work of literature. Cross-checking the manuscripts confirms their consistency. There are also 25,000+ archeological finds that historically support people & places in the Bible.

4. PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE

There are 300+ prophetic scriptures in the Old Testament dealing with the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These accounts were recorded centuries before Jesus came to earth, and every word has been fulfilled. The odds of just eight of these prophecies being fulfilled in one human is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000. This is not only substantial evidence that Jesus is the Messiah but also shows the Bible's supernatural authority.

5. EVIDENCE OF GOD'S EXISTENCE

"For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God" (Hebrews 3:4). "Everything" needs an uncaused first cause; this includes the beginning of the universe. Something can't come from nothing, especially the universe with macro and micro precision, design, art, and order. Read Romans 1:18-21 for how we are without excuse for not knowing God because of creation alone.

For more evidence on the Bible's authenticity, authority, prophecies, and even science, visit these two articles: allintruth.com/science | allintruth.com/evidence



WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL GOSPEL?

1. GOD'S SALVATION IS A GIFT

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). We have the opportunity to be saved, not by what we have done, but only by God's grace, even though we don't deserve it.

2. GUILTY AS SIN

Do you think you are a good person? Jesus says there are none good but God alone (Mark 10:18). Romans 3:23 summarizes this by declaring *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* If you have ever lied, stolen, used God's name in vain, looked with lust (adultery of the heart according to Jesus), you have violated God's holy standard (these are only 4 of the 10 Commandments).

3. DEATH SENTENCE

Romans 6:23 clearly states: "*The wages of sin is death.*" Sin is very serious in the eyes of God who is holy, just, and will not clear the guilty. His standard is perfection and the **just** reward for rebellion is spiritual death & separation from God for eternity in an awful place of torment called Hell (Jesus speaks more about Hell than Heaven & warns people to fear God so they will not go there - Luke 12:5).

4. THE PARDON & SAVIOR

The good news is that God is also love & does not want anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). John 3:16 sums it up, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*

God has made a way for us to be forgiven of our sins by paying our fine for us through Jesus' blood on the cross. Romans 5:8-9 says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from God's wrath through Him."

5. THE DECISION

The next step: Romans 10:9-10, "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, leading to righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, leading to salvation." Eternal salvation comes by fully trusting in Jesus alone as Lord & Savior and what he has done for you as a substitutional sacrifice on the cross for your sins.

6. REPENTANCE IS A PART OF SALVATION

To repent means to have a change of mind that leads to a change of life. Repentance causes you to turn from your sins & to live by the commandments God has given us (John 14:15) which totally aligns with His character. Jesus preached that repentance is a part of faith (Mark 1:15), and unless we repent, we will perish (Luke 13:3).

7. BORN AGAIN - A NEW CREATION

Once you repent and place your faith in Jesus alone for salvation, you become born again and have passed from death to life! (Make Psalm 51 your own prayer if you need help getting right with God). Then, God grants you a new heart with new desires wanting to obey Him & do His will.

The Holy Spirit now dwells in you guiding you into all truth (John 16:13) and helps you to live righteously which is evidence of a true conversion. God wants a relationship with you as well. This means to pray and read your Bible daily to draw closer to God and become more like Him.

God also calls you to produce good fruit, not as a means of earning salvation, but to prove that you are a disciple of Jesus (John 15:8). Examples of producing fruit for God include having the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), putting on the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18), and fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

This tract was given to you **out of love** because the person desires for you to be saved just as God does. You now have a choice: continue to live in rebellion towards God or repent & believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15). Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart, today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). If you still have doubts, please research these things for yourself. God says you will find Him if you truly seek Him (Jeremiah 29:13). Jesus claims He is the **only way** to Heaven and is coming back again soon. PLEASE be **100% sure** you have the correct answer before you pass on. *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul"* (Mark 8:36).

If you made a decision to follow Jesus, we celebrate with you and so does Heaven (Luke 15:4-10)! We would love to hear from you with any comments or questions: email@allintruth.com - Visit our website for resources & next steps if you made peace with God: www.allintruth.com