# ETERNITY HAS 2 CHOICES. What's yours?

God gave us the 10 Commandments as His perfect standard, His Law, by which to live and to show us what He says sin is. You can read them in Exodus 20.

## DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE A GOOD PERSON?

If you answered YES, ask yourself:

Have you ever told a lie? If you said yes, you have violated the 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment. God said that *"all liars — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur." Revelation 21:8* 

Have you ever stolen anything? This violates the 8th Commandment.

Have you ever disrespected your parents? That's a violation of the 5th Commandment.

Have you ever used God's name as a cuss word or in anger? That's a violation of the 3rd Commandment.

Have you ever hated anyone? Jesus said, *"Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him." 1 John 3:15* Hating someone violates the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

Have you ever lusted in your heart for another person? Jesus said, "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman *lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*" Matthew 5:28 So, if you said yes, you have violated the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

If you were honest, you would be in violation of one or more of God's Laws. God said *"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet <u>stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."</u> James 2:10* 

### If God were to judge you according to His Law, would you be found innocent or guilty?

Would you go to heaven or hell?

If you answered "heaven," or that God would forgive you because He is love, consider this:

A man commits the crime of rape and is found guilty. The judge is a good judge who always seeks justice. Just before the man is sentenced, he pleads with the judge not to sentence him because he is sorry and won't do it again. Should the judge release him from the law's punishment?

If you said, yes, consider that the woman he raped was your sister. Should he still release him from punishment?

#### You likely said 'NO WAY!'

Yes, God loves, but He is also righteous, just, and holy. If you think He will just overlook your sin, you have violated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment which says, "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." Exodus 20:3-4 In other words, you have just made your own god; one to suit yourself.

At this time, you might feel like it's hopeless and that you are destined to burn in hell for eternity with no hope for a future.

## Does this concern you? IT SHOULD TERRIFY YOU!

## BUT THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

## GOD LOVES YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.

But He knows that everyone who breaks His Law deserved punishment.

So God sent His Son, the promised Messiah or Savior, into the earth, to willingly take the punishment that you deserved. He suffered a horrible death, and <u>died in your place</u> and paid the fine for you. His last words on the cross just before He died were, *"It is finished!" John 19:30* He ransomed you from hell's fire. That is the God of love!

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know <u>the way</u> to the place where I am going." John 14:1-4

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

But it doesn't end there – Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death, and offers eternal life to all who trust in Him. "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." John 3:36

## WHAT MUST YOU DO TO RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN?

- 1. **REPENT** This means to be truly sorry for sinning against God and then to forsake your sin; to turn away from your sin. *"Jesus answered them, It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:31-33*
- 2. BELIEVE "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

3. ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT It's not enough to say you believe in God. "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder." James 2:19 One must accept and embrace God's gift of eternal life through Jesus. A gift does you no good if you never accept it.

## **Eternity is forever.**

Don't wait another day before you accept the gift of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ. You have no guarantee there will be a tomorrow.

## The only way to heaven is Jesus.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.

#### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hebrews 9:22

...without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

#### 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ died for sin once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.

#### Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—And this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

#### John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains in him.

#### Romans 10:13

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

#### Romans 10:9

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

#### **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.

#### 1 John 5:11-13

And this is the record, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

#### Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved. [Jesus]

#### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



## LIFE CHANGING PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you're real. I believe You are alive and can hear me now. I believe you died on the cross for my sins—a debt I could not pay and a debt you did not owe. You willingly took upon yourself the suffering I deserved so that I would not have to suffer. I'm sorry for my sins and I am trusting you to forgive me. In the best way that I know how, I open the door of my heart to You. Please come into my life and be my Savior. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and make me a new creature from this day forward. ~Amen

~ This is not a magic prayer, but if it reflects your true desire to know Jesus, He will surely make Himself known to you. ~

## ETERNITY HAS 2 CHOICES. WHAT'S YOURS?