

On scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being best, what are your chances of making it to heaven?

Let's see if we can establish a pattern from God's Word on what we have to do to have eternal life!

1. Believe / Total trust

John 3:16-18 John 5:24 John 6:40
John 3:36 John 6:27-29 John 6:47

Are we establishing a pattern?

Now we know we have to believe to have eternal life, but why did Jesus have to come in the first place?

2. Because of Sin...MY Sin.

Romans 3:23 Romans 3:10-12 Romans 6:23a

That's why we need the gospel. Christ came to pay a debt He didn't owe for a debt I could not pay (by living a good life, being religious, etc.)

We're all sinners...we're either good sinners or bad sinners but some of us are just better at it than others.

How many sins did Adam and Eve commit before they were separated from God's presence? (One) So how many sins do we have to commit before we're separated from God? (Hint: the word starts with an 'O'.) If Jesus paid for 100% of our sins, how many sins do we have to pay for?

What do we do to get this gift? Nada.

3. Grace / Gift

Ephesians 2:8,9 Titus 3:5,6 Romans 11:6

Grace is God giving to us what we don't deserve, i.e. forgiveness, eternal life.

Mercy is God withholding from us what we truly deserve, i.e. judgment.

4. There is one last thing we need to confront. (Repent)

Luke 13:3 2 Corinthians 7:9,10

Repent means "To have a change of mind toward God." There is a difference between remorse and repentance. Remorse brings regret and death. Repentance brings life and peace.

You can have remorse without repentance...but you can't have repentance without remorse.

Matthew 7:13,14

Remember the question I asked you earlier? On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best, what are your chances of making it to heaven?

Remember your answer? The truth is, if it's not a 10 we don't get in. God's not grading on a curve.

This is not: If my good outweighs my bad maybe God will tip the scales my way. No, this is pass or fail.

Conclusion:

Are you ready for the bottom line?

John 1:12 Romans 10:9,10 & 13

Is there any reason you would not want to place your trust in Christ?

Suggested prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner and that I can't save myself. But I know that You died for sinners and therefore You died for me. I am so sorry for all the sins I have committed and I ask You to forgive me. You said in Your Word that if I would call on Your name You would save me. So, I'm calling on You and I'm asking You to save me, and to come into my life right now. Thank you for giving me the promise of eternal life with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.