

18) The Road to Heaven

Most people seek the “road of life” that is the easiest to travel. But Jesus spoke in Matthew 7:13-14 that the road that leads to destruction is broad and smooth. And that few people find the road that leads to eternal life because it is a narrower and harder path. So how can a person be among the group that travels the right road? Lets discover what the Bible teaches us about the road to heaven ...

Isaiah 64:6. Our righteousness is like a filthy rag. There is no inherent righteousness in fallen humans.

Jeremiah 13:23. Mankind cannot change itself or do good on its own due to its fallen condition.

John 3:16-17. God knows the condition of mankind, and offered His Son to die for man’s sins. Anyone who puts their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord will receive the gift of eternal life.

Acts 16:31. Salvation truly is as simple as fully believing in Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:16. Jesus Christ is not only the world’s Redeemer, He is also the Creator. He spoke this world into existence; He can also transform you if you let Him.

Matthew 1:21. Jesus’ mission in coming to earth to live as a human was for the purpose of seeking and saving those who will believe in Him.

1 Peter 2:24. He can offer salvation because He loved a sinless life as a human, died for everyone’s sin, and rose from the grave. He can and will heal everyone from sin who lets Him.

John 20:27-28. To receive the gift of eternal life requires that a person believe in who Jesus Christ really is and personally accept Him as their Savior and Lord. It is a personal, individual, choice.

Matthew 11:28. Jesus wants to give you rest from your burdens and cares. He knows that when a person accepts salvation, they will experience emotional and spiritual healing, and sometimes physical.

Revelation 3:19. Out of love, God will allow trials and challenges. The purpose in this is to turn a heart away from sin and to Him.

Acts 3:19. True repentance includes a deep sorrow for sin, and a turning away from sin. It is a transformation of the heart and mind.

Acts 11:18. Since our righteousness is as filthy rags, God also gives the gift of genuine repentance so a person can turn to Him for forgiveness.

1 John 1:9. Two things happen when a person with genuine repentance confesses their sin to God, God forgives them from that sin, and He cleanses them from it. He will transform them.

John 1:12. For the person who receives Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in faith, Jesus takes responsibility to give them power to overcome sin and become God’s children, a part of God’s family. Matthew 25:34. Before this world was made, the triune Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, had already made a plan for the redemption of sinners so they could be in God’s family and be a part of His eternal kingdom.

1 John 5:11-13. God’s word, His promises written in the Bible, are certain! A person doesn’t have to guess or wonder if they have salvation (if they are not certain, they most likely don’t have it). Some people may confess their sin and still feel unforgiven. After confession a person must also be willing to receive God’s forgiveness. Forgiveness is based on God’s promise not on a person’s feelings. If a person has surrendered their life to Jesus and received Him into their heart, they can know, they can be certain, that they have salvation. But they must also continue to keep that relationship with Jesus.

Friend, there is only one sin God cannot forgive, the one you refuse to ask Him to.

Have you felt the Holy Spirit working on your heart? That is called conviction. Have you invited the Holy Spirit into your heart to help you become aware of your sin, and to give you genuine repentance from it? Have you confessed that sin to God and accepted His forgiveness and cleaning? If so, you have the peace and calming assurance of knowing you have salvation. But if you are not certain, now is the time to pray to God and ask for His forgiveness of your sin!