

## The Only Way to Heaven

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In considering the words of Jesus upon the cross of Calvary, we have looked at the words “It is finished.” In giving some serious mediation upon those words and what they mean, we have come to understand that there is no more need for any other work to be done to save you, me, or whosoever will come to Christ. That is true when we have come to trust God by personally receiving the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives. I know that this truth and fact brings not only a joy to our hearts, but it also brings a peace that keeps our minds and hearts regardless what the circumstances of life have brought our way.

At this point I need to ask you personally, dear friend, do you believe God, and if you do, have you also repented of your sins? Have you invited the Lord Jesus to take over your life? Does He live His life in you and through you by means of the Holy Spirit who comes to take up residence in the life of everyone who makes Jesus their Savior, Lord, and God?

These words applied to our own heart and life means that Jesus paid the great price that we owed God because of our sin. The books of Hebrews and Romans repeatedly declares that Jesus died for our sins once for all, meaning that he will never die again and will never have to die again because our debt has been paid for all time and for eternity.

Rom. 6:10-11, “For the death that He died, **He died to sin once for all;** but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” NKJV

Heb. 7:26-28, “For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; **who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.**” NKJV

Heb. 9:11-12, “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, **but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption**” NKJV

Heb. 10:10, “By that will **we have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**” NKJV

When we believe God and trust Jesus, we find a rest we never ever had before. That rest is not found in religion, or religious works like baptism, church membership, feeding the poor, taking care of the orphans, etc. We are reminded by Isaiah that all of our best works and all of our sincerity are in God’s eyes as filthy rags.

Isa 64:6, “But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.” NKJV

This means we are hopelessly lost, incapable of doing any good work that will redeem us in God's eyes. What a failure we are in our own strength to obtain acceptance from God, for the forgiveness of all of our sins! Clearly the Bible declares in the Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, etc. with all of the other books of the Bible that we are not and can not be saved by any of our works.

Eph. 2:8-10, "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. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." NKJV

Rom. 3:20, "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." NKJV

Ro 3:28-29, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law." NKJV

Ro 11:6, "And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work." NKJV

2 Ti 1:9-11, "Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, NKJV

How many needlessly go through life religiously, with doubts, despair, frustrations, wondering if they are really saved and going to Heaven. The reason for this unrest is simply not trusting God for what he says, and not trusting him to keep his promises to us of salvation by grace through faith and by faith alone.

At the dawn of the Christian era a Roman girl of high birth and culture haughtily refused the attention of all eligible young men who sought to court her. No one shall ever win my heart she said, unless he is willing to die for me. She was introduced to wondrous work of Jesus and the beams of grace illuminated her darkened soul. In amazement she exclaimed, here is the one who died for me; he alone shall have my heart's devotion. The blessed savior our Lord Jesus Christ should also inspire such response in our heart and soul as well. Dear friend, once again I ask you, where are you in relationship with the Lord Jesus? Do you have the sweet assurance of your sins being forgiven forever and heaven will be your eternal home forever? If you do not have that assurance, the problem is simply, you have not, as a little child, believed God. Today, make sure of heaven.