

Can I



go to
God's Heaven?



Do you want to go to God's Heaven when your life on earth is over?

Have you ever wondered what this real place is like? Close your eyes and think of the most beautiful place you have ever seen. Maybe you thought of a sparkling blue ocean by a warm beach or a mountain with a green valley below. Heaven is a million times more beautiful than any of those places. In fact, the Bible says in I Corinthians 2:9 that no eye has seen, no hear has heard, and no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.

Heaven is perfect because God is perfect. There will be no sin or evil or devil there. Things that you are afraid of or scare you now will not be there. There will be no spiders, snakes, or pesky insects to bite you. It never gets dark in heaven. You cannot get lost or separated from those that love and care for you. You will never get hurt or sick. There are no guns, knives, or bombs. No one's house will catch on fire. There will not be any thieves to break into your house. You will always be safe.

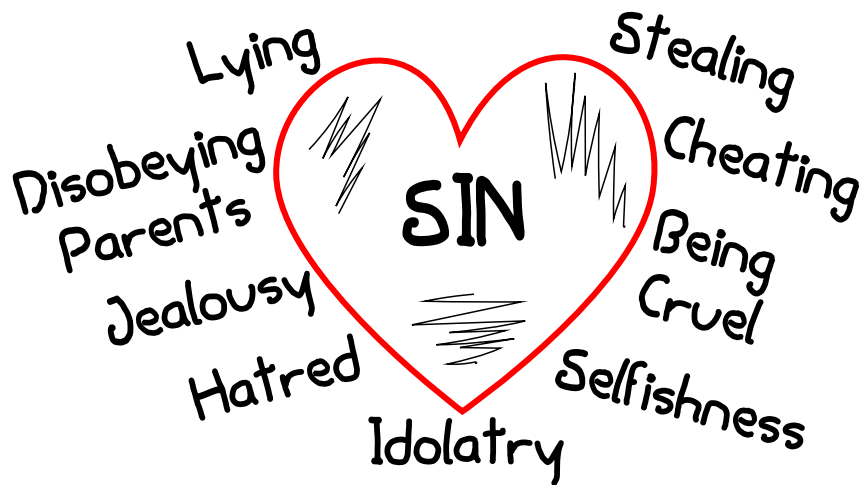
It will never be too hot or cold. There will not be any tornadoes, hurricanes, or floods.

No one will ever harm you or bully you. There will not be any wars or killing. You won't find any funeral homes or cemeteries because no one dies. All who are there will live forever. And those who are blind will be able to see. Those who are deaf will be able to hear. Those who are crippled will be able to walk and run. Those who are sad will be happy all the time.

This is good news!

But there is some bad news.

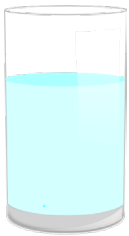
The Bible says in Romans 3:23 that everyone is born with a dirty, unclean heart. It is dirty because we have sin in our heart.*



Do you know what sin is? The middle letter in sin is “I”, and that reminds us that sin is wanting to do what I want to do and don’t care what God thinks. Sin is disobeying God. It is breaking the Ten Commandments. I John 3:4 says, “The person who sins breaks God’s law. Yes, sin is living against God’s law.”

Because we were born with a dirty heart, we do things like lie, cheat, steal, disobey our parents, or hate. Or we can be jealous, selfish, or cruel, and some even worship idols. All these things are called sins. If we still have a dirty heart after we grow up, we will do things much worse.

Some may say that they are not that bad and have broken only one or two of the Ten Commandments. James 2:10 reminds us that just breaking one of them is the same as breaking them all.



See this glass of water. If you were to shake the glass, why does the water come out? It comes out because it is inside the glass. Sin comes out of our heart because it is inside our dirty heart.

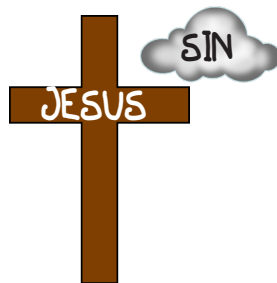
Revelation 21:27 tells us why having an unclean heart is a bad news: “Nothing unclean and no one who does shameful things or tells lies will enter Heaven, but only those whose names are written in the book of life.”

So if you have a dirty heart, you cannot get into Heaven when your life on earth is over. That is very bad news!

The Bible tells us how to get a clean heart.

John 3:16 tells us that God loved each of us so much that He provided a way to get a clean heart by sending his son Jesus to the earth. He was born as a baby and then after his childhood and teen years became an adult. Around the age of 33, he was nailed to a cross and died, but three days later, he rose up from being dead to being alive. Jesus is alive today!

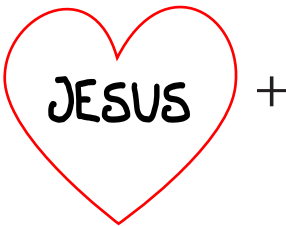
Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? After all, Jesus is the only one who never sinned. Why should he be the one to be punished? He knew this was the only way to get a clean heart. We deserve to be punished because of our sins, but Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to take the punishment we deserve. He took your sins and the sins of the whole world upon himself while on the cross. I John 2:2 says , “ Jesus died in our place to take away our sins, and not only our sins but the sins of the whole world.”



This is good news! *But just knowing this doesn't give us a clean heart.*

You can have a clean heart today!

Tell God that you know you have a dirty heart and that you are sorry for the sins you have done and that you want to change. Believe that Jesus died in your place to take away your dirty heart of sin. Ask him to come into your heart and life and to change the dirty heart of sin into a clean heart-a Jesus heart.



When you choose to do this, God takes away your dirty heart and gives you a Jesus heart that is clean and new. Plus, you know that when your life on earth is over, that you will go to Heaven.

After you have a clean heart

To make your new Jesus heart even stronger, you can do these things: read and study your Bible, talk to God in prayer, go to church, and tell others about Jesus.

Getting baptized is one way to let others know that you have a clean heart. Talk to your parents and a pastor from a church that believes and teaches the Bible. For more help, ask your parents to visit the web page listed here:

*The word “heart” is used hundreds of times in the Bible. It doesn’t mean the part of your body in your chest that beats. Heart in the Bible means that part of you that thinks, makes choices, and feels. It’s your inner spirit.

I want to give credit to the late Dr. Roy Fish, who was my professor of evangelism in seminary, for his gospel presentation for kids called “How to Have a Clean Heart” that this tract is based on.

– Chip Warren