

🗨️ The Way Out (& In!)

Now give me just 68 more seconds to tell you how...

- Did your Mom ever say to you, “Don’t come in here with your dirty shoes and mess my new clean carpet up?!” In a brief way (without the pettiness), that’s how God feels about His place (heaven) being dirtied by your sin. I mean, would you let just *anyone* come into your house and live there?!
 - The problem is that you can’t clean yourself up well enough to be good enough for God (remember: you’ve got to be perfect!). So God sent Jesus to clean you up from the inside out and turn your heart back to Him. Jesus said that He came to “heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free.” Wouldn’t that be awesome if that happened to you?
 - The first words on Jesus’ lips as He taught people were, “**Repent**, for the Kingdom (government) of God is near.” To repent means to change your mind and live accordingly. It’s a choice that results in a change of heart toward life and God that transforms your life with God and people.
 - Then He said, “**Believe** in Me.” To believe doesn’t mean to mentally acknowledge Jesus’ general existence. “To believe” comes from the Latin word to ‘by-live,’ as in, to ‘live by’ Jesus’ teachings. Thus, ‘to believe’ means to enter into a new lifestyle of allegiance and obedience to Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for you and came to bring you an abundant life.
- ✠ *Is there any reason you wouldn’t want to repent, believe, and enter this new life right now?*

“Lord Jesus, I want to stop trusting in myself and what I can do, and trust in You and what You have already done for me from the cross. We both know my sins, and I am sorry for their offence to You. I ask You to forgive me and set me free to follow You in an abundant life. I want You to be my Savior and my Lord, the CEO of my life. As best as I can, I choose to turn away from what You call sin, and choose to love, trust and obey You everyday for the rest of my life. Thank You Lord.” Amen!



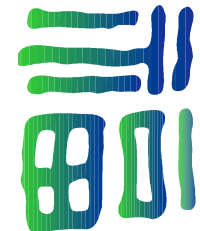
Why **SOME** Good People Won't Make Heaven (!) ©



Are you going to be one of them?
Let's find out...

Which one of the following five phrases would you use to best describe yourself?

1. Angelic?
2. Saintly?
3. Pretty good?
4. About average?
5. A hopeless sinner?



If you give me 2 minutes I can tell you which category you fall into and what your chances of making heaven are going to be.

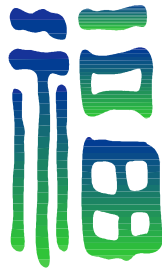
Any reason you wouldn't want to know?

OK, simply rate your response to the following questions anywhere from '0' (never) to '7' (always). Ready?...

Spiritual Survey (Top 10!)

Just like Letterman has his 'Top 10' each night, we've chosen 10 quick indicators out of thousands possible to help you gauge the goodness of your life!

1. I give generously to charities—
2. I pray for others regularly—
3. I help strangers in need—
4. I read the Bible—
5. I love and help family members—
6. I forgive people when they hurt me—
7. I am loyal to my friends—
8. I put other people first when they need me—
9. I am totally honest in everything I say and do—
10. I always see the best in people—



Out of a possible score of 70,
you scored _____.

So, That Means You Are...



Angelic—If you scored 68-70

Saintly—If you scored 64-67

Pretty Good—If you scored 35-63

About Average—If you scored 25-34

Lost Sinner—If you scored below 25

CONGRATULATIONS if you scored well, but *whatever* your score was, you're not out of the woods yet! According to God's Word in James 2:10, "If someone obeys all of God's laws except one, that person is guilty of breaking all of them." Do you understand that!

- ☛ In other words, if you haven't kept all of God's laws perfectly (and your own score just showed you haven't), then you're guilty of breaking them all!
- ☛ To God, you're as guilty as the worst mass murderer on the planet. Not as bad, but just as guilty. **Ouch!**
- ☛ So, why should God allow your sin and imperfections into His perfect heaven?
- ☛ If you were in charge, would **you** let yourself in and ruin paradise for others?!