



Where do I go from here?

Knowing *where you came from* and *who you are* helps determine *where you are going*. This is a question that is asking, what is my destiny? While here on earth, the decisions you make determine where you go from here. You must live your life conscious of this and destiny as a focus. We are not here on earth permanently. We are pilgrims and we are just passing through.

This is a question that everyone must answer while on this side of life. The main key to determining your destiny is to ask, what did you do with Jesus? Did you receive Him or reject Him? To secure your eternal destiny, you need a savior! Jesus is that Savior—not Buddha, not Mohammed, not Krishna, not religion, or anyone else.

A. **Heaven**

Heaven is a real place that truly exists, and we have access only through faith in Jesus Christ. Heaven in simple terms is living in the presence of God for eternity in happiness, joy, peace, no tears, no pain, and no sorrow. Having your destiny secure and sure is as simple as what this verse says: Romans 10:9-10 says, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

The key to knowing that your next destination from here will be in the presence of God is to make a total commitment to Jesus and make Him the Lord and Savior of your life. If you have accepted and committed to Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you will not go to hell. Jesus has delivered us from hell. Heaven is your destination. Many people have blamed God for the choice of their destination. **You only decide where you go from here, not when you get there.**

- i) *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
—John 3:16

This verse clearly stresses that there will be whosoever believes on Jesus shall not perish meaning those who believe not on Him will perish (Hell). Heaven is not entered through our performance and good deeds. We don't work but believe to enter in. We must put our total trust, faith and commitment in Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior. If we could work our way into heaven and relationship with God, then there would be no need for Jesus to come and suffer for 33 years. We could just work and get it. However, it doesn't work that way and has never been that way.

- ii) *“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”*

—Revelation 21:3-4

These verses clearly define what heaven is like. There is no crying, no pain, no more death, no sorrow and no tears. Who in the world would not want to go to or have such a place as their destiny from here.

- iii) *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. —Romans 8:18*

Yes, there are a lot of bad and miserable things in this life, but we should be living with eternity and heaven in mind. There will be a time of rewards and glory when we crossover to the better side of eternity (heaven). We should not let this present world blind us to where we are going. We should not make decisions like as if this is it. There is a life after this. There is a destiny after this life and it is determined by whether you receive and believe or Jesus or reject Him.

- iv) *“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: — Philipians 1:23*

Paul said that being in the presence of God is a far much better place. He wanted to depart and be with the Lord but instead chose to stay with the Philippians to minister to them.

- v) *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. —2 Corinthians 5:8*

Are you confident of your destiny or where you will go from here? We need to be confident and also know where we are going. This will help us not only have a secure destiny but also have the right perspective of things based on our destination. There is more to life than the little bit of what we see here on earth in this life.

Remember, **Good people do not go to heaven and bad people do not go to hell.** It is believers that go to heaven and non-believers that go to hell. If you reject and did not believe Jesus, no matter how good you are or what people tell you are, you will split hell wide open because you did not put faith in Jesus, believing that he died for your sins and rose again from the dead.

B. Hell

It is a place of torment, separation, and punishment those that go there are eternally separated from God and are eternally without God. Matthew 22:13 says, *“Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

You have two destinations and choices: Heaven or Hell. There is no middle ground. There is no such thing as limbo or purgatory and the bible does not teach that. You determine where you go from here. There are no second chances. Hebrews 9:27 says, *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”*

Your eternal destiny is in your hands. It's up to you where you go. It's not up to God. Hell is a reality even though our society is trying to shut this truth down. People say things like, *how can a loving God send people to Hell?* The problem with this question is it has an assumption that God is the one that sends people to hell. The truth is that we send ourselves to hell or to heaven by either believing or not believing on Jesus.

- i) *Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*
- ii) *Psalm 86:13 “For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.”*
- iii) *Mathew 23:33 “Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?”* John 3:16 answer this question.
- iv) *Revelation 20:13 “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”*

The verses above prove clearly that hell exists. If it doesn't, how could God deliver us from something that doesn't exist (Psalms 86:13). Your relative goodness is not the

reason you will go to heaven. Matter of fact, it can't get you there. Anyone, I don't care who they are, if they put their trust in the goodness and good deeds, they will split hell wide open. **Good people go to hell. There are going to be many good people in hell because they did not believe in Jesus but trusted in their own goodness.** See my teaching, *The Only Requirement for Salvation*. Our goodness is not good enough to earn us right standing with God (Isaiah 64:6). It can't earn right standing with God. You must be born again (John 3:3).

Some people think they are Christians because they aren't Muslim, Buddhists, Hindu, and so forth. If all you have done is just acknowledge Jesus as a good man, or prophet, and so forth, you do not know Jesus and you are outside God. Acknowledging and associating with Christians doesn't produce a relationship with God. James 2:19 says, *"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."* We must do more than what the devil has done. Just believing or acknowledging of Jesus with no total commitment, without bowing the knee does not produce salvation. You must put your complete trust in Him, commitment along with believing in Him.

John 16:4 says, *"But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you."* Jesus is the only way. There is no other way. Why would God send Jesus if He was just a way? What an immense price to pay in addition to all other ways. **God sent Jesus because there was no other way.** Jesus is the only way. And he is the only way to escape the damnation of hell.

Receive Jesus as Your Savior

Deciding to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior is the most important decision you'll ever make! Nothing comes close to this decision; not your career and surely not your wife. It will change your life now and your eternal destiny. There is no decision that could be made that is like it. It would be very sad for me to teach you that Jesus was and is God and not give you an opportunity to repent and to receive Him into your heart as your God and Savior. Will you accept Him as God not just another good man like some believe and say?

God has promised, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation.... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:9-10, 13).

By His grace, God has already done everything and His part to provide for your salvation. Your part is simply to believe and receive. It is the easiest decision. This is a heart decision, not a head decision. Now is the acceptable time, today is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:2). Why wait?

Pray this prayer and mean it sincerely from your heart:

Jesus, I confess that You are my Lord and Savior. I believe in my heart that God raised You from the dead. By faith in Your Word, I receive salvation, now. Thank You for saving me!

The very moment you commit your life to Jesus Christ, the truth of His Word instantly comes to pass in your spirit. Now that you're born again, you are brand new on the inside of you. God has created in you a new spirit and a new heart.

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