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Questions About Heaven

- ***What is heaven like?***
- ***Is heaven free to everyone?***
- ***How can I be sure that I will go to heaven after I die?***

The God of Heaven is the only one who can give you the answers to these questions. This booklet uses God's book, the Bible, to share the truth about heaven.

Scripture Versions Used

The Amplified Bible (TAB)

New International Version (NIV)

New King James (NKJ)

The Living Bible (TLB)

New Living Translation (NLT)

The Message (TM)

The Bible has been translated into many languages and many versions to make it easier to understand. But the TRUTH has not been changed.

What is Heaven Like?

Heaven is God's home. He has prepared a place there for His children, so He can have us come live with Him forever.

I Corinthians 2:9b (NLT)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

John 14:1, 2a (NLT)

Jesus said: Don't be troubled. You trust God, now trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you.

Romans 8:23b (TLB)

We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us—bodies that will never be sick again and will never die.

Revelation 21:4 (NLT)

God will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever.

Heaven is a real place where there is no sin, no evil, no sorrow, no sickness, no pain, and no death.

Is Heaven Free to Everyone?

Heaven is free to everyone, but only a few people will go to heaven after they die. Why? Because most people presume that if they are good enough or religious enough they can earn heaven. But God says heaven can only be received as a free gift of grace from Him through faith.

Proverbs 14: 12 (NIV)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Ephesians 2:8, 9 (NIV)

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Matthew 7:13, 14 (TLB)

Heaven can be entered only through the narrow gate! The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide enough for all the multitudes who choose its easy way. But the Gateway to Life is small, and the road is narrow, and *only a few ever find it.*

Millions of sincere, respectable, religious, intelligent, successful, nice people are on the “broad road” following the crowd that believes popular human philosophies that lead them away from God and heaven.

Do All Religions Lead to Heaven?

Religions are human philosophies about God and theories on what happens to people after they die. But our natural human minds can't understand invisible supernatural things. Only through our hearts can we discern that God exists, when we see what He has created.

Romans 1:19 (NLT)

For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts.

Romans 1: 20 (NLT)

From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

Romans 1:21, 22a (NLT)

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused.

All the godless philosophies and religions of the world were thought up in human minds that refuse to acknowledge God.

Lost Hope of Heaven

God had plans to take us all to heaven, but every person is given a free choice to choose either God's way or their own. The sin of rejecting God's way will cause humans to lose eternal life in heaven.

Ephesians 1:4 (TM)

Long before God laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Isaiah 53:6a (TLB)

We are the ones who strayed away like sheep! We, who left God's path to follow our own.

Romans 3:23, 6:23a (NLT)

All have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. The wages of sin is death.

God is a holy God and can have nothing to do with sinful man, but in His mercy He provided a way.

God's Amazing Love

Humans had separated themselves from God and condemned themselves through their sins. But God still loved us and was unwilling to let us perish in hell. In love, He sent His Son to die to pay for our sins.

John 3:16 (NLT)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

I John 4:10 (NIV)

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

John 3:17, 18a (NIV)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already.

II Peter 3:9b (NKJ)

The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Jesus died in our place to pay for all our sins. He made it possible for us to receive heaven as a free gift, when we believe in him.

Jesus Died for You

Jesus Christ came to earth from heaven, lived a sinless life, took our sins upon himself and died on a cross to pay for the sins of all mankind.

Philippians 2:6-8 (TLB)

Though he was God, Jesus Christ did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross.

II Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sins, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends.

Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today. He is knocking at your heart's door. If you sense a tugging at your heart, he is calling you to open your heart to him and to let him become your best friend forever.

A "Must" for Living in Heaven

*You **must** be born physically to live on planet earth. You **must** be "born again" spiritually of God to live in heaven. When you accept Jesus as your Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in our heart. Instantly, your spirit is born of God, and you become His child. Your name is recorded in the Book of Life in heaven.*

John 3: 3, 6, 7 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "I assure you, unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God. Humans can reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven. So don't be surprised at my statement that **you must be born again.**

John 1:12 (NLT)

But to all who believed Jesus and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn!

Luke 10:20b (NIV)

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Your reservation in heaven has been made and paid for, but you must receive Jesus as your personal Savior and receive his sinless Spirit to live in heaven.

Eternal Choice

Humans are eternal beings. After physical death, each person will be judged by God and assigned to their eternal home--heaven or hell. We shall be judged on what we chose to do about our sins:

- *Those who believe that Jesus died for their sins and welcome him into their heart as Savior will spend eternity with God in heaven.*
- *Those who reject Jesus' sacrifice for their sins, and instead trust in their own goodness or religion, will spend eternity in hell separated from God forever.*

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJ)

...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)

Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. *Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live!*

Heaven is God's choice for us. But if we die choosing not to accept Jesus as Savior from our sins, we have chosen to spend eternity in hell separated from God forever.

You Can KNOW You're Going to Heaven

When you open your heart's door and invite Jesus in as your personal Savior, the Holy Spirit will instantly come to live in your heart and make you a child of God. Miraculously, you will "know" that God is your Heavenly Father and that heaven will be your eternal home.

Dear Jesus,

I believe you are God's Son sent from heaven to die for my sins. Right now, I open the door of my heart and ask you to come in to be my personal Savior. Please forgive my sins and grant me the gift of eternal life with you in heaven. I receive this gift by faith in you and in your promise.

Name _____

Date _____

God's Promise of Heaven

Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart:

God has given us eternal life and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God *so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

I John 5:10a, 11-13 (NIV)

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Resting in God

Simply Enjoy God

About the Author

Patsy Oda invited Jesus Christ into her heart as Savior when she was eight years old. Miraculously, she became aware of God as her Heavenly Father and heaven as her eternal home.

But the religion of her Japanese ancestry, culture and family was Buddhism, which does not believe in God or in Heaven. Her family could not understand the invisible reality in her heart. But she could not deny the God who had become so real and precious to her.

Opposition to her faith challenged her to examine both Buddhism and Christianity for over 50 years. Part of God's plan and purpose for her life was to write what she learned about the eternal differences between Buddhism and Christianity. Her autobiography *Heart's Desire* tells about her life with God.