

SERMON SERIES: Heaven
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Key Line

How do I get into heaven?

Introduction

If you had to plead your case to enter heaven, what would be your defense?
If our lives are evidence of our beliefs, what would someone think you believed?

Seek the Word

One way people believe we get into heaven is by “the slope.” (Billy Graham/Mother Teresa are at the top: Hitler /Osama bin Laden are at the bottom.)

Read Romans 3:10-12

- Who is righteous? (*None.*)
- Has anyone done good? (*No not even one.*)

Another way people think we get into heaven is by “The scale” system. Our good deeds have to outweigh the bad we do.

Read Romans 3:23

- Who has fallen short of the glory of God? (*All of us!*)
- How are we justified? (*It is a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.*)

The Cross is THE way to enter heaven.

Read 1 John 4:14-19

- Why did God send Jesus? (*To be the Savior of the world.*)
- What happens when someone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God? (*God abides in him, and he in God.*)
- Why should we not fear judgement? (*Perfect love drives out fear, and God is love!*)

Read Romans 6:23

- What are the wages of sin? (*The wages of sin are death.*)
- What is the gift of God? (*Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!*)

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18

- What does the message of the cross look like to the world? (*Foolishness.*)
- What is the cross to us? (*The power of God. Our hope.*)

Talk About It

- How hard is it for you to lay aside the worries of this world and trust God?
- Are there things in your life that cause you to turn away from God?
- How should the message of the cross affect the way we live our lives?