

A Question of Eternity

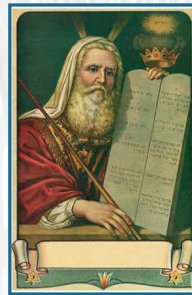
Have you ever thought about why people die? Why is it that people must die first and then go on to their eternal destination? We find the answer in First Corinthians 15:50. It is because flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. We as human beings cannot inherit eternal life. Some sort of change must take place. We have to be changed from our natural nature in order to qualify for eternal life.



So when does this change take place? And how does this change take place? Who is responsible to bring about this change? The good news is that you can find all of these answers in your Bible! God has told us everything we need to know in order to prepare and qualify us for eternal life! As we look at these truths, let us also consider different ways some think qualify them for eternal life.

Being a Good Person

If you were to ask someone why they would go to heaven after dying, one of the most common is because they were a good person. They tried their best to live by the Ten Commandments. They did not do any serious sin. They helped people from time to time and were generally a likeable Person.



The question is, does being a good person change your nature? Are you still the person, or do you become somehow transformed?

The answer is obvious! Of course it is important to be good! We should be helpful and friendly to others. But no one receives a new nature through good deeds. And neither can anyone go to heaven on account of them.

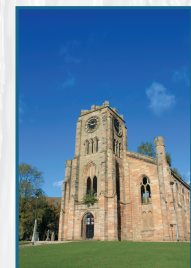
Jesus called for us to have a *new birth*, with a *new* nature. He invites us to *become* children of God. Consequentially, a change

must take place on the inside. We cannot accomplish this change by doing good deeds! We need a whole new nature, a heart transformation. This happens when we receive Jesus in our lives as our Lord and Savior.

Church Attendance

Many people believe that membership in a church qualifies them for eternal life. And they do many religious things, like baptism, communion and so on. However, these things *in themselves* do not guarantee that we will go to heaven!

A very simple question will clarify this. Do you do these things or have you done these things *in order* to be saved and go to heaven, or *because you are saved* and going to heaven? The correct answer is that we do these things because Jesus saved us, and we are celebrating what He has done!



In John 17,3, Jesus said that eternal life is achieved when we come into a personal relationship with Him. Religious activities, while significant, are the result of being saved, and not the cause. Come into a personal relationship with Him and you will be saved!

More than Faith!

Are you ready for another challenge?! What about faith?! Of course, everyone believes that faith is important. The important thing to know here is that, while faith is important and necessary, it must also be accurate! Otherwise it is ineffective. It is God who saves us, through His chosen vessel Jesus Christ. Jesus is the designated Lamb of God who came to die for our sins- that whoever believes in *Him* would not perish but have eternal life.



Being Born Again

Jesus said it like this. He said that in order for a person to be saved, he must be born again. In explaining, He said that what was born of flesh is flesh. But

what is born of the Spirit is Spirit (John 3:6). So when we are born into this world, we have a natural, human nature. When we are born again, we receive a godly, supernatural, spiritual nature. Only one with a spiritual nature lives forever. And the reason why is because he has the nature of God. God is eternal and whatever is born from Him has eternal life.

How are we born again? John 1:12 says that those who receive Jesus become the children of God. We recognize that we have sinned and are separate from God. We personally go to Him and thank Him for dying on the cross for our sins. We confess our sins to Him and are sorry for them and ask Him for forgiveness. When we turn from these sins and then invite Jesus to come by His Spirit to live on the inside of us, He changes us! He gives us a new nature. He forgives us. He becomes our God and our way of life. He blesses us and watches out over us, as any parent their child.

Don't miss out on what God has for you! He wants to bless your life! He wants to give you a supernatural nature. And in doing so, you will inherit eternal life!

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