

# Do You Know How You Can Have Eternal Life?

## Summary

**Mankind has a problem. You are a part of mankind. Therefore, you have a problem. But God has the answer. However, you must believe Jesus Christ is the answer to your problem; not on the basis of good works. He is the gift of God. And if you believe Jesus, “You can be certain you have eternal life”.**

## Outline

### I. Mankind Has a Problem

#### A. All Have Sinned. All are guilty.

“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;” Isaiah 53:6

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23

All of us have a basic disease, sin, which defiles us and cuts us off from the holy God who created us, who loves us, and who cares for us (Mark 7:1-23).<sup>1</sup>

Sin is anything that does not conform to the character of God. Sin’s “root is the basic disease of rebellion against God, of going our own way rather than His, of saying to the Creator, I know better than You how to run my life.”<sup>2</sup>

Sin alienates man from God.

#### B. The Penalty of Sin

“For the wages of sin is *death*,” Romans 6:23a

For our work of sin, mankind has earned “death”.

“And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes *judgment*,” Hebrews 9:27

“And He (God) gave Him (Jesus) authority to execute judgment,” John 5:27

### II. You are a part of mankind. Therefore,

#### A. You have a problem

If you have committed even one sin, you have a problem. Have you ever lied? Have you ever stolen from anyone?

#### B. Your penalty is death

The wages you have earned for your sin is death. But there is a way out for you.

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## III. God Has the Answer

### A. Christ Paid the Penalty

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness (character) of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

### B. Believers Not Judged

“He who believes in Him (Jesus) is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:18

“In Him (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses (sin), according to the riches of His grace, which he lavished upon us.” Ephesians 1:7-8a

You can be redeemed from a life of sin and its consequences. How?

## IV. You Must Receive Jesus Christ

### A. You must believe Christ

Jesus said He is the Son of God, sent from the Father (God). “I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again, and going to the Farther.” John 16:28

Jesus was crucified on the cross in your place, the just for the unjust. On the third day, He arose from the dead (Luke 24:33-49) as a sign that God has forgiven your sin as well as a sign of His deity.

You must believe Jesus. You must trust in Jesus along to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life John 5:24.

### B. You must receive Christ

It is not enough just to know the facts of Jesus. The Christian walk involves a commitment to a loving and obedient relationship with Christ. Jesus says “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20.

Jesus is knocking at your door right now. You must invite Him to come into your life, to make Himself known to you. He will not force His way in. He only comes at your invitation through your sincere prayer.

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## V. Not on the basis of good Works

“He saved us, not on the basis of deeds (works) which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy.” Titus 3:5

“For we maintain that a man is *justified by faith* [in Jesus] apart from works of the Law” Romans 3:28

Give up what you are trusting in to get you to heaven or to get you eternal life. Trust in Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life. No man comes unto the Father except by Jesus Christ.

## VI. He is the Gift of God

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

## VII. You Can Be Certain You Have Eternal Life

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” John 5:24

## VIII. You are invited to trust Jesus today

- A. Is there anything preventing you from receiving Christ into your life right now?
- B. Speak to God from a sincere heart and tell Him you are trusting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Let God know you want to accept His gift of forgiveness of your sins and eternal life which is in His Son.

## Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> Paul E. Little, *How to Give Away Your Faith* (Chicago, : Inter-Varsity Press, 1966, P 90).

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* P 91.