

**STUDY THE BIBLE 6 (STB 6)
"BE SURE OF GETTING TO HEAVEN"**

<p>WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WILL GET YOU INTO HEAVEN?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Believing and loving God <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Being a good person <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Giving money to the church and the poor <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Keeping the Ten Commandments <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Having Christian parents <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Living for God <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Believing the Apostles creed <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Doing your best <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Being a church member <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Asking Jesus into your heart <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Obeying the church <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Getting baptized as a baby <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Asking Jesus to help you everyday <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Taking Holy Communion <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Praying to God <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Dying for God and country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Loving your neighbour <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Confessing your sins <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Acting like Jesus and following him <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Helping the poor and missionaries <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Going to confirmation classes <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Acting like Jesus <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Living a good moral life <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Taking the mass <input type="checkbox"/> 25. Doing good works <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Fasting regularly <input type="checkbox"/> 27. Having the last rites at death <input type="checkbox"/> 28. Going to church regularly <input type="checkbox"/> 29. Being devoted to Mary <input type="checkbox"/> 30. Speaking in tongues <input type="checkbox"/> 31. Doing many penances <input type="checkbox"/> 32. Praying to the saints <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 33. NONE OF THE ABOVE
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The answer is 33.

Dear Friend, the others may make you "feel good" or even "spiritual" but they can't get you into heaven.

LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING -

1. Ever told a **lie**? 2. Ever **taken** something that wasn't yours? 3. Had **impure** thoughts about someone else? Of course you have. The Bible says *all have sinned* so you are a **lying, thieving adulterer!** Now you may be thinking "Wow! That's a bit strong. I can't be that bad! There's a lot worse than me - **I'm no axe-murderer!**" Like most people you're crossing your fingers and somehow hoping that God will let you into heaven with a 50% pass mark, right? Furthermore, we don't think of ourselves as bad, because **"every man is pure in his own eyes"** (Prov 30:12). The majority of criminals think this way too. But the Bible says we are not wise to compare and measure ourselves with each other (2 Cor 10:12). **"For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."** (Rom 3:23).

HOW FAR SHORT?

100% SHORT! God's standards are so high, the Bible says even **the good things** we do are like **filthy rags** in his eyes - not the bad things but the good things! (Is 64:6)

WHAT ABOUT LITTLE SINS?

You've probably thought that a loving God should overlook your sins and only punish bad criminals like murderers, child-molesters and rapists? But the Bible says: **"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."** (Jam 2:10). There are no big or little sins in God's eyes. If you've done one - you are guilty of the whole lot.

BUT WAIT ... THERE'S MORE!

God made Adam the father of the human race, so when he sinned, his sin was put into everyone's account - like a computer virus (Rom 5:12). Our natures got changed from "pure to sewer" and from then on, we were born **with a sinful nature**. We don't need to be taught how to sin - we take to it like "ducks to water". We sin because **we are born sinners**. Baby baptisms mean dry babies just come up wet babies.

WON'T THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OR THE GOLDEN RULE GET ME INTO HEAVEN?

No my friend, the ten commandments were given to keep us **out of heaven**, to show we are sinners and how far short we fall compared to God and his perfect standards. **It's 100% perfection** or hell.

CAN I EARN MY WAY TO HEAVEN?

If we could earn our way to heaven then Jesus didn't need to die for us. Dear friend, you can't get right with God by a moral life, church membership, sacraments, baptism or the **32 points**. Trying to earn or do something for it, is called believing in your own **self-righteousness**. The Bible says, **"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us."** (Titus 3:5).

WILL GOD JUDGE SIN?

As God's standard is **100%** perfection, this means that your righteousness must **equal** that of the sinless Jesus Christ. Unless you have 100% record you are condemned to hell. The Bible says **"... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement:"** (Heb 9:27) and **"Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Jesus) whom he hath ordained;"** (Acts 17:31)

WHO GOES TO HELL?

All sinners! **Particularly** the **religious good people** of the 32 points on the front of the tract.

SO WHAT'S HELL LIKE?

Jesus spoke more about hell than heaven and with good reason - he didn't want anyone to go there. It's a place of **damnation, darkness, weeping, torment, everlasting burnings, the flames** never go out and their **worm** never dies, **wailing** and **gnashing of teeth** and **no exit** ever. (Lk 16:26; Matt 22:13, 31:41; Mk 9:44; Is 33:14). It's not a place you "party-on" with friends.

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The **torment** will be extreme and God won't let you kill yourself to end the pain.

WHAT ABOUT PURGATORY?

This is a made up Roman Catholic lie 1. To give relatives **false hope** 2. To get more **money** from them through fear. Why can't your family pray for you in purgatory? You won't be there. It doesn't exist! When you die, you will find yourself in either heaven or hell for eternity. **REWARD**: \$100 million for finding purgatory in the Bible. There's **no re-incarnation** (Heb 9:27) or **'six-foot under'** either. (Matt 25:46; Jn 5:28-29)

WOULD A GOD OF LOVE SEND ME TO HELL?

He has no choice. You've rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says, **"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) and **"He that BELIEVETH on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."** (John 3:36)

DOES SATAN RULE & REIGN IN HELL?

No, he's never been there, but he will. He's the **god of this world** (2Cor 4:4). God made hell to cast Satan & his angels into for everlasting torment with those who reject Christ (Matt 25:4; Rev 20:10,14). Satan won't be punishing you. He was defeated at the cross. Hell is **God's everlasting punishment** for Christ rejecters.

IS BELIEVING ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ONLY WAY TO GET INTO HEAVEN?

Absolutely. Believe that **his perfect works** and his **shed blood** paid for your sins to give you right standing with God. **IT'S A GIFT**. The Bible says, **"But to him that worketh not, but BELIEVETH on him that JUSTIFIETH THE UNGODLY, (no eating the wafer here) his faith is counted for righteousness."** (Rom 4:5). You won't fear judgment day because you will, **"Be found in him, not having mine own righteousness ...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."** (Phil 3:9)

WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?

Only two: **God's love** of "Jesus **shed blood**" or **God's wrath** - "I reject Jesus' **shed blood**

No choice is a choice and not choosing won't make it go away. Every minute you delay is a minute closer to your eternity in hell. Instead of coming to God and promising him you'll clean up your act, he's waiting for you to say: "I'm a sinner! I can't measure up to your high standards! I deserve eternal hell fire. I **BELIEVE** Jesus' **SHED** blood **plus nothing** paid my sin debt in full."

CAN ANYONE GET TO HEAVEN? Yes!

God is **"...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."** (2 Pet 3:9).

WHAT WILL STOP YOU?

Your religious **traditions, pride, fear** of friends, your **self-righteousness** (Mk 7:13) and **simple disbelief!**

THIS IS YOUR ONLY HOPE.

Water baptism, confessing sins, good works, penances, church membership, religion or church rules **equals absolute 0%**. **They wipe out completely** the shed blood of Jesus. Stop believing your self-righteousness and believe on the righteousness of Jesus Christ. You're a sinner, you'll die a sinner, you'll be judged a sinner & you'll be condemned a sinner. Your **ONLY hope** is the **SHED blood** of the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

ETERNAL LIFE IS A FREE GIFT

You can't earn it, work for it or buy it. The Bible says, **"...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** (Rom 6:23). The Bible says **"... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ..."** (1 Tim 1:15). It also says, **"For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."** (Rom 10:13). Eternity is forever and hell is real, but if you want to be saved, believe what the Lord Jesus Christ **did** on the cross and believe and pray with all your heart:

"DEAR GOD, I'm a sinner & deserve your everlasting wrath in hell. Jesus died for my sins and his SHED blood paid it all. I reject all other means of works and beliefs. Please save me. Amen."

Note: The gospel says nothing about the 32 points above. The gospel is all about what Christ **has done**. The work for our redemption is finished (Jn 19:30). "Christ died for our sins" (1Cor 15:3). His death on the cross is past and never to be repeated (Heb 10:26). Nor does the gospel say anything about what we must do, because we can **do nothing** (Titus 3:5; Eph 2:8-9). It is the power of God unto salvation to those who **BELIEVE** (Rom

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4:50). It's all about the **blood**: "... the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the **blood** that maketh an **atonement for the soul.**" (Lev 17:11)

HOW ABOUT YOU?

"...there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." (Heb 10:12, 14, 26). If you trust in just one of the 32 points, you will go to hell.

"What? NEVER TO BE LOST! Are you kidding me?"

Dear Reader, you were born into your earthly family. If you go to a court and say "Dear Judge, This is **not** my family!" The Judge will say "Your DNA is the same! Yes, it is your family." Now, if you are born into God's family, you **CAN'T** get out! Do you want to continue to sin? God will chasten and even kill you, but he'll take you to heaven (1Cor 11:27-31). The Bible says you can **KNOW FOR SURE YOU ARE SAVED!** (1John 5:13).

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(STB 7 – "The Book of Matthew")