

Answer to the Question

Explanation:

If you said yes or no, you failed the test. Don't feel badly though, most people do fail. Most are, to some degree, "religious," but religions are nothing more than man-made attempts to reach God.

The real answer of how to get to Heaven is not found in some religious system or man's self-righteousness. God has declared, "there is none righteous, no not one" (Rom. 3:10); "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Further, God's Word teaches that sin is a very serious matter. 2 Thessalonians 1:9 says, "everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord." Anyone who is not "found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire" (Rev. 20:15).

What can you do about your sin problem? Can you clean up your life, do good works, and hope that in the end your good works will outweigh your bad works? NO! Salvation does not come for those who work for it, but to those who cease from their own works, placing their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 4:5 makes this point abundantly clear: "To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." In Ephesians 2:8-9, it is declared: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

The issue is not what you can do for God, but what He has done for you. "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). "He hath made Him [Jesus] to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). You have no righteousness of your own. To have eternal life, you must have the righteousness of Christ (see Rom. 3:26).

What then is your responsibility? God has given you a free will to either accept or reject what He has done for you. To have God's righteousness, you must believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures: and that He was buried; and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Your response to the Gospel should be as we read of the Ephesians: "In Whom [the Lord Jesus Christ] ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13). This seal is a guarantee that your salvation is eternal: you can never lose it (see 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph 1:14; 4:30).

If you are convicted by God's Word, you can be saved this very moment. You may want to pray something like this: "Dear God, I trust You now. I know I am a sinner. I believe Christ died for my sins and rose again that I might be declared righteous. Thank You for giving me eternal life through my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

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