

How do I get to heaven?

Many people today believe they're going to heaven because of something they've *done* or some decision they've *made*. You may have even heard people say things like:

1. I've been water baptized.
2. I believe in God.
3. I've asked Christ into my heart.
4. I'm a good person.
5. I'm a member of a church.
6. I've made Christ the Lord of my life.
7. I try to keep the 10 commandments.

The truth is, you could do all of these things and still not go to heaven. There aren't many different ways to heaven — there's only **one**.

So what *is* the one way?

You must recognize that you are a sinner and trust only in the blood that the Lord Jesus Christ shed for your sins on the cross.

Because we are sinners, there is nothing we can do to earn God's favor or make ourselves right before Him. That's why all the things listed above — baptism, good works, church membership, or trying to live right — cannot save us. They are *works* we do, but salvation isn't something we can earn.

"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."

— Ephesians 2:8–9

To be saved, we must stop trusting in what we can do and instead place our full trust in what *Christ has already done* for us.

Salvation is found only through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ — believing that He died for your sins, was buried, and rose again the third day.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how 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 Corinthians 15:3–4

When you trust completely in Him — not in yourself, your works, or your religion — you are saved forever. That's the one and only way to heaven.

