

Q: If only Christians go to Heaven then does that mean more than 3 quarters of the world go to 'hell'? I think it must be pretty crowded at this point.....and what about animals? They don't know Jesus from a blade of grass to munch on.....so does that mean heaven is a huge church that sings hymns, has bar-b-ques (guess that answers the animal part of my question), on Easter Sunday with Jesus as the guest of honor and never a sorry word is ever said??

These are great questions. I have decided to break them down and address them one at a time.

>>"If only Christians go to heaven....?"

That depends on what is meant by the term Christian. To be a true Christian is to be one who has received forgiveness of sins by the Grace of God through repentance and faith in Christ and are following Christ as Lord of his/her life..

>>"does that mean more than 3 quarters of the world go to 'hell'?"

No one knows the hearts of men but God. So the number of people going to hell is really impossible for anyone to say. That means the question really is: Do I know where I am headed when I die?

>>"I think it must be pretty crowded at this point....."

Could be a fair assumption...

Another interesting question at this point is why do people go to hell anyway?

"It is appointed man once to die and after that to face the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

A very popular assumption is that if my good outweighs my bad then I should be OK when I get there. "I'm a pretty good person, and I think God is going to take that into consideration." But what would concern me is this: How good is good enough? Where is the line drawn to let me know if I really am OK?

The Bible gives a test for this goodness and it is called the 10 Commandments.

Do you think you have kept the 10 Commandments? Have you ever told a lie? Ever stolen something? Ever coveted? Ever lusted? Ever used God's name in vain? Ever disobeyed your parents? Has God always been first in your life?

I've broken all of them.

Standing before God, would He find you innocent or guilty of breaking His commands? He will find you guilty if you have broken even one. If guilty, would He send you to Heaven (reward) or hell (punishment)?

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23).

None of us can measure up to the standard of God's righteousness. You are guilty (and so am I) of sinning (breaking His laws) against God Himself, and, because you have a conscience, (con-with, science-knowledge) you have sinned "with knowledge." Isn't it true that every time you lied, stole, lusted, etc., that you knew it was wrong? I knew it every time.

Some more bad news though. You have actually angered God by your sin and are made an "enemy of God in your mind through your wicked works," (Colossians 1:21) This news scared me. If God is all powerful and was able to create the entire universe out of nothing, I know I certainly didn't want to be His enemy.

People go to hell because they have broken God's Laws and in order for God to be good He must be just and punish all lawbreakers (you, me and the whole world).

So that's the bad news.

The Good News is...even though we broke the law... Jesus (God in flesh) paid our fine.

The Bible tells us there is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. (Hebrews 9:22) And so Jesus shed His for us on the cross... And we can trust Him and what He did because He rose from the dead. No one else has power over death.

In response to Him you should Repent: You as a fallen human are a rebel who must lay down his arms, which are sins, surrendering to God, saying you are sorry, realizing you have broken His law,

and are ready to start life over again (being born-again)—that is the only way out... This process of surrender is what God calls repentance. “Now he commands all people everywhere to repent...” (Acts 17:30) You must cry out to Him for mercy, turn away from your sins, and He will give you full pardon, for all sins past, present and future.

And place your Faith in Him: Be faithful to follow after Jesus and obey His commands. Read the Bible daily and do His will. “He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins..” (1 John 1:9)

God does not want you, or anyone, to perish. He is rich in mercy and compassion, and has provided a way for you to be forgiven. He has invited you to come to Him for a FULL PARDON and receive the free gift of Eternal Life. You cannot earn it, and you don’t deserve it, but God is offering it to you as proof of His love for you.

>>“and what about animals? They don’t know Jesus from a blade of grass to munch on.....”

All of creation is waiting for the “Great Renewal.” This is what the Bible says in Romans 8:19-22:
19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Animals may have a soul, but are innocent as to the sin Adam brought into the world. So they do not need God’s forgiveness as humans do. They will all be renewed and restored on the Day Christ returns, when He renews all of the heavens and earth, taking away death and decay.

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Huge Church? As to the “building” or settings of Heaven, it will be an environment like nothing we can imagine—better than anything we could dream. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:9, “However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for

those who love him.”

Barbeques? Not sure. But the Bible speaks of Feasts. For example, “Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” (Revelation 19:9)

Easter Sunday? A type of Easter will occur. Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter almost 2000 years ago, proving that He is God and that He has authority over death. He has promised that those who die trusting in Him will be raised from the dead as well, in new, perfect bodies and that we will live forever on the renewed earth with Him.

Revelation 21:1-8

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

So what about you? Where do you stand? Have you repented and placed your faith in Him?

Thank you for reading all of this...Please take some time to seriously consider it.