

How can I know for sure that I will go to Heaven when I die?

God has made His plan of salvation simple enough for a child to understand and accept, and yet the blessing of salvation is so rich and deep that we will never fully understand all its facets until we get to Heaven.

There are four things you need to understand in order for you to be saved:

1. **First, the bad news: you are a sinner.** The Bible says in Romans 3:23 that all have sinned. You sin for two reasons: because you are a sinner by birth (Psalm 51:5), and because you sin by choice (Romans 3:12). God does not compare us to one another, but to Himself, and in that comparison, we all fail. Even if you have never committed a murder or told a lie, you have to admit that you're not sinless as God is.
2. **Second, more bad news: your sin has separated you from God.** Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. This is what you have earned for your sin: eternal separation from God. The Bible says that God is angry with the wicked every day (Psalm 7:11), and your sin demands penalty. Revelation 21:8 tells us the final destination of sinners.
3. **But now, the good news: God loves you, and has devised a plan to forgive you of your sins and bring you into His family, to spend eternity with Him.** The second part of Romans 6:23 says that the *gift* of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. A gift is something that cannot be earned; it is free to the recipient, but not to the giver. So salvation cannot be earned in any way, no matter how many good deeds you do. The penalty for sin is death, as we said. But God demonstrated His love to you by sending His Son, Jesus Christ to pay your penalty and die for you (Romans 5:8). Jesus substituted Himself for you. His death on the cross provided salvation for all, *as a gift*, no matter how heinous your sin is. His resurrection from the dead proves that He has the power to forgive you and give you hope and a future in Heaven with Him.
4. **And finally, the best news of all: salvation is yours for the asking.** The Bible says that if you admit your sin, and believe that He alone can save you, you can be saved (Romans 10:9-10). Simply ask God to forgive you of your sin, and put your faith in Him to save you. (Acts 20:21)

If you need to speak with someone about this, please call the Center at 417-468-5555, or email us at info@choicespc.org, or click [here](#). Settling your eternal destiny is the most important decision you could ever make. Do it today; you don't know about tomorrow.