

How to Be Lost

The Comprehensive Guide to Eternal Damnation

We Are Born Heaven Bound

- ▣ Guilt is not inherited (Ezekiel 18:20)
- ▣ All must become “as little children” to enter heaven (Matthew 18:3, 19:14)
- ▣ We will learn to know right from wrong - and choose (Isaiah 7:16)

Method #1: Commit Sin

- It's easy – many ways to do it
- The soul that sins – it shall die (Ezekiel 18:20)
- Wages of Sin are Death (Romans 6:23)
- Blaspheme the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:32, Luke 12:10)
- We become
 - Enemies of God
 - Worthy of eternal punishment
 - Destined for the lake of fire

Changing Course for Heaven

- ▣ It's easy - just follow the directions
 - Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
 - Believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)
 - Repent of your sins (Acts 2:38)
 - Tell people that Jesus is the Son of God (Romans 10:10)
 - Be baptized for the remission of your sins (Mark 16:16)
- ▣ Has a high cost
 - All you have – and all you are!
 - You become an adopted child of God
 - You can never go back – permanent change
 - You need to finish this course
- ▣ Can you still get to Hell from here?

Method #1 (for children): Separate from Jesus

- **Stop believing that Jesus is the Son of God**
 - I Timothy 1:19-20 – loose faith, make shipwreck
 - I Timothy 5:12 – condemned for casting off first faith
 - Hebrews 3:12 – evil heart of unbelief in departing from God
- **Don't confess Him to people – deny Him**
 - Matthew 10:32-33 – deny Jesus, and He will deny you
- **Look elsewhere for salvation**
 - Acts 4:12 – no other name by which we must be saved
 - Galatians 5:4 – estranged from Christ, fallen from grace
 - I Timothy 4:1 – some will depart for false teachings

Method #1 (for children): Separate from Jesus

- **Love the world**

- James 4:4 – friend with the world is an enemy to God

- **Wander from the truth**

- James 5:19-20 – turn back someone who wanders, save a soul from death!

- **Hate your brother**

- I John 1:9 – in darkness

- I John 3:10 – child of the devil, not God

- I John 4:7-21 – does not abide in Him

Method #2 (for children): Don't Forgive Others

- Matthew 18:21-35 – will have forgiveness revoked
- Matthew 6:12 – forgive us as we forgive our debtors
- Luke 17:3 – Rebuke and forgive, if they repent

Method #3 (for children): Give Up

- **Relax, get lazy, lose focus**
 - I Corinthians 10:12 – pay attention, lest you fall
- **Don't train**
 - I Corinthians 9:27 – keep under body to avoid cast away
- **Stop trying**
 - Revelation 2:10 – be faithful unto death to receive crown
 - I Corinthians 15:2 – saved if you hold fast to the word
 - 2 Peter 1:10 – be more diligent to make your election sure
- **Fall away during temptation**
 - Luke 8:13 – believe for a while, but fall away

Method #4 (for children): Don't Repent of Sins

- **Pursue a life of sin – return to your old ways**
 - Hebrews 10:26 – there is no sacrifice for willful sin
 - Romans 8:12-13 – live according to the flesh and you will die
 - 2 Peter 2:20-22 – worse than if one never believed
- **Do what you think is wrong (violate conscience)**
 - I Corinthians 8:11 – the weaker brother perishes
 - Romans 14:23 – defiling a weak conscience is sin
- **Sin unto death**
 - I John 1:6 – walk in darkness
 - I John 2:9 – hate believers
 - I John 2:22 – deny Jesus is Messiah

Christians: How to Be Saved

- o Stay close to Jesus
- o Forgive those who sin against you
- o Don't give up – reach higher!
- o Repent when you sin

Not on the List:

- Living a perfect life
- Doing enough good to make it to heaven
- Converting many people to Christ
- Being worthy of the gift
- Other people respecting you/ liking you
- Feeling satisfied with yourself

Things That Worry Christians

- Sometimes we feel guilty
 - 1 John 3:20 – if our heart condemns us, He is greater!
- What if I miss a sin and don't repent of it?
 - God
 - 2 Peter 3:9 – He is longsuffering, and wants all to repent!
 - 2 Peter 2:9 – He knows how to save the righteous!
 - Hebrews 1:3 – He upholds the universe with the word of His power
 - **The game is rigged!**
 - Philippians 3:15 – God will reveal if we think anything wrong
 - Brothers and Sisters
 - James 5:19-29 – The wandering Christian can be restored!
 - 1 John 5:16 – Pray for forgiveness and repentance
 - James 5:15-16 – The prayer of the righteous is powerful!

Children of God – Christians

“Bad News: You can be lost again – and it’s worse!

“Good News: there’s no need

“Let’s not be the people who are afraid of falling, but the people pressing higher and higher!

Unbelievers – Non-Christians

“Bad News: We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

“You need to change your destination!

“Good news: it's easy

“Count the cost, come forward, obey Jesus and let us help!