

must be saved? (Acts 4:12)
 How does Jesus do that? It isn't easy.

While on earth He lived a perfect life. Unlike everyone else, He never sinned. He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15B)

That's no small accomplishment—ment considering the opposition that He faced, So, when Jesus died on the cross, God accepted what He did as payment for our sins. "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many...?" (Hebrews 9:28A)

As a result, Jesus offers forgiveness to everyone who trusts Him—those who accept Him as

their Savior. When we put our trust in Jesus, He forgives us of our sins—He sets us free of our sin-debt to God, so **God sees us as perfect, even though we still sin.**

Isn't that wonderful news? Of course, God wants us to do good things; but, if we try to make ourselves perfect in the eyes of God by doing good things, all we are doing is insulting Jesus Christ, because He has already done everything necessary to make us right with God,

So, how do you go about trusting Jesus? How do you get your sins forgiven? How do you change from a sinner in God's eyes to a saint in God's eyes?

you can't do that by yourself. You need some help.

That's where Jesus Christ comes in.

Jesus did everything that was necessary to change you from a sinner into a saint, from a sinner to someone who is perfect in God's eyes. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus alone can fit you for none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we

Actually, in some ways it is very simple and in other ways it is very difficult.

First you have to agree with God that you are a sinner headed for eternal punishment—which you deserve. That's the hard part.

Remember, in God's eyes everyone is a sinner, "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10)

Once you recognize that you are helpless and hopeless, the next part is easy.

All you need to do is fall on God's mercy and tell Him that you accept the fact that Jesus died for you—that what He did on the cross paid the penalty for your sin.

Do you think the list of items that you have checked is enough to get you into Heaven? Unfortunately, whether or not you go to Heaven has nothing to do with the good things you have done. All this list does is to make you a good sinner.

That's right. Even though you do a lot of good things, you are still a sinner. The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Unfortunately, God does not let sinful people into Heaven. He lets only perfect people into Heaven. So, what must you do, if you want to go to Heaven? You must be made perfect. Unfortunately,

Now, it is up to you. You have to decide whether you will try to get to Heaven on your own (and fail) or accept the free gift of forgiveness that Christ offers you.

What will you do?



- Check the items below which describe you. Be honest, now.
- I'm a member of a church.
 - I pray.
 - I have been baptized.
 - I avoid using bad language.
 - I give to the church.
 - My family is very religious.
 - I read the Bible.
 - I love God.
 - I try to help the needy.
 - I want to go to Heaven.
 - I served in the military.



Checklist for Heaven