



WHO IS GOING TO HEAVEN?

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Who is NOT going to Heaven?

- **Not the Self-righteous**

- Luke 5:32 (NKJV)

- I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” >

Who is NOT going to Heaven?

◦ **Not the Self-righteous**

◦ Luke 18:9-14 (NKJV)

- Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
- “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.
- I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’
- And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’
- I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Not the Immoral

◦ Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)

- Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
- envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. >

Not the Immoral

- Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)

- But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Not the Uncaring

◦ Matthew 25:41-46 (NKJV)

- Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:
- for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;
- I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’
- Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’
- Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’
- And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Not the Unforgiving

- Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV)

- “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- Matthew 18:35 (NKJV)

- So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

Not the Unbelieving

- John 8:24 (NKJV)

- Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

- Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.)

Not the Disobedient

- Matthew 7:22-23 (NKJV)

- Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’
- And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

Who then is going to heaven?

Those who do the will of the Father!

◦ Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)

- “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

What does it mean to do the will of the Father?

◦ **Be born again**

◦ John 3:3-5 (NKJV)

- Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
- Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”
- Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

To Do the Will of the Father

- **Be caring**

- Matt. 25:34-40, 46

To Do the Will of the Father

- **Be forgiving**

- Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV)

- “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

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To Do the Will of the Father

- **Be believing**

- John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

- And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

- but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

To Do the Will of the Father

- **Be obeying**

- Hebrews 5:8-9 (NKJV)

- though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
- And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Conclusion

- Where are you going?