

If you got the opportunity this week to share the gospel with someone, do you know what you would say?

Our goal today is to help you know what you could say by asking and answering 7 questions.

**7 questions to know whether or not you have eternal life.**

**Question #1 - What does God require of us to get to heaven? Perfection/righteousness.**

*Matthew 5:48 - You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

*1 John 1:5 - This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

*Psalms 145:17 - The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.*

*Psalms 5:4 - For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.*

*Mark 7:21-23 - For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."*

According to the Bible, no one evil can live with God in heaven. God is perfect, and we must have the righteousness He has to get into heaven.

**Question #2** - Is there anyone perfect/righteous enough for heaven? **No.**

Matthew 5:20 - *For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Romans 3:10 - *as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;*

Romans 3:23 - *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Isaiah 64:6 - *We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.*

According to the Bible, God has declared all mankind to be sinners.

**Question #3** - Is there a penalty for being a sinner? **Yes.**

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death...*

*Ezekiel 18:20 - The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.*

*John 5:28-29 - Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.*

*2 Corinthians 5:8 - Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

*Revelation 20:14-15 - Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

*2 Thessalonians 1:9 - They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.*

The penalty for sin is death - physical death followed by the eternal second death. Ultimately, death is separation from God in judgment.

**Question #4** - Does God offer us a solution? **Yes, He does!**

Isaiah 53:6 - *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

1 Peter 2:24 - *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 - *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Jesus came to be world to be our Savior. He paid the penalty of our sins on the cross for us.

**Question #5** - What does Jesus paying for our sins on the cross mean for us? **God offers sinners a gift.**

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 - *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

2 Timothy 1:9 - *who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own*

*purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,*

With sin's debt paid, God offers salvation/eternal life as a free gift to sinners.

**Question #6** - How do we receive the gift of eternal life? **By faith/believing in Jesus.**

*Romans 3:23-25 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

*Ephesians 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*

*Acts 16:30-31 - Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

*John 3:15-18 - that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his*

*only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

A person must personally believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to obtain this gift of salvation.

Mark 1:15; 16:16-17; Luke 7:48-50; 8:12; John 1:7,12; 2:23; 3:15-16, 18, 36; 4:39-42, 53; 5:24, 38; 6:29, 35, 40, 47; 7:38-39; 8:24; 9:35-38; 10:24-26; 11:25-27; 12:11, 36, 46-48; 14:1-6; 17:20-21; 20:29-31; Acts 3:16; 4:4, 32; 8:12, 36-38; 9:42; 10:43, 45, 11:17, 21; 13:39, 48; 14:23, 27; 15:7-9; 16:31; 17:4-5, 11-12; 18:8, 27; 19:2, 4; 20:21; 21:20, 25; 22:19; 26:18; Romans 1:16; 3:22-30; 4:3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 16, 24; 5:1-2; 9:30-33; 10:4-11; 1st Corinthians 1:21; 7:12-13; 2nd Corinthians 4:4, 13; Galatians 2:16; 3:2-26; Ephesians 1;13, 19; 2:8; Philippians 1:29; 3:9; 1st Thessalonians 1:6-7; 2:10; 4:14; 2nd Thessalonians 1:10; 2:12, 13; 3:2; 1st Timothy 1:16; 4:3, 10; 2nd Timothy 1:12, 3:15; Titus 3:8; Hebrews 4:2-3, 10:39; James 2:23; 1st Peter 1:3-5, 9; 2:6-7; 1st John 3:23; 5:1, 5, 13

**Question #7** - Can we ever lose the gift of eternal life? **No.**

John 6:37 - *All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*

John 6:39 - *And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day*

John 10:28 - *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

1 John 5:13 - *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

Romans 8:38-39 - *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

John 5:24 - *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

Hebrews 10:14 - *For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

Once a person places his/her faith in Jesus for salvation, that person is forever saved.

**NO ONE HAS MET GOD'S STANDARD TO BE WORTHY ENOUGH FOR HEAVEN/ETERNAL LIFE, BUT IN LOVE, GOD SENT JESUS TO DIE FOR OUR SINS AND RISE AGAIN, SO THAT BY FAITH IN JESUS, GOD WOULD GIVE US THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE.**