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The Stuff That Matters: Are You Going to Heaven?

*“For God so loved the world
that He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
shall not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16 (NIV)*

1. I need to understand THAT GOD LOVES ME.

“For God so loved the world...” John 3:16 (NIV)

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is.” Ephesians 3:18 (NLT)

2. I need to understand THE PURPOSE OF JESUS’ DEATH.

“...that He gave His one and only Son...” John 3:16 (NIV)

“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

3. I need to respond to God’s gift (the death of His Son) with ACCEPTANCE, BELIEF, and COMMITMENT to Jesus.

“...that whoever believes in Him...” John 3:16 (NIV)

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.” Romans 3:22 (NLT)

4. I need to LIVE AND TRUST in God’s promise of eternal life.

“...shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior.” Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 (NIV)

Keep the conversation going...

1. When you think about Heaven, what do you see?
2. How do you think Heaven compares to our life here on Earth?
3. What are some things or thoughts in our life that can keep us from focusing on an eternity in Heaven?
4. Read John 14:6 and John 3:16-18. Why is Jesus the only way to Heaven?
5. Talk about point #3. Why is it important to not just understand but to respond to God's gift?