

Are You Going to Heaven?

Check below what you feel is the best basis for reaching Heaven.

- 1. Keeping the Ten Commandments
- 2. Gifts to charity
- 3. Doing one's best
- 4. Leading a good life
- 5. Good works
- 6. Trying to obey the Golden Rule
- 7. Tithing or giving to the church
- 8. Church membership
- 9. Regular church attendance
- 10. Prayers
- 11. Fasting
- 12. Baptism
- 13. Holy Communion
- 14. Born of Christian parents
- 15. Confirmation
- 16. Penances
- 17. Extreme unction
- 18. Confessing sins to a priest

Read further to find out if, according to the Word of God, you're on your way to Heaven.

1 – The Ten Commandments are God's absolute rules for living. No man has ever perfectly kept all of God's laws – except for Christ Jesus. A person will never

reach Heaven through his or her own efforts. (Read Romans 3:20)

2, 3, or 4 – Gifts to charity, doing one's best, and leading a good life are commendable acts, but according to the Bible, they will not save anyone. (Read Titus 3:5)

5, 6, or 7 – Neither good works, trying to obey the Golden Rule, or giving to the church will get you to heaven. (Read Eph. 2:8, 9)

8, 9, 10 or 11 – Church membership, regular church attendance, prayers, and fasting are good in themselves, but they can never justify sinners before a holy God. (Read Isaiah 64:6)

12 or 13 – Without trusting in Christ Jesus, baptism and Communion cannot help. The Bible shows clearly that these are of spiritual value only when one believes in Christ Jesus and is born-again of the Spirit of God. (Read Acts 8:12, 1 Cor. 11:23-32)

14 – Children born into Christian homes need to be saved just like anyone else. (Read John 1:12, 13)

15, 16, or 17 – Neither Confirmation, penances, or extreme unction are the bases of going to Heaven. God has provided only one way of salvation. (Read John 14:6; Acts 4:12)

18 – Jesus is the **only** bridge between God and man –

not a priest or any other person. *"For there is one God and **one** mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:5)."* Only God can forgive sins. (Read Luke 5:21-26)

So what is God's only way to salvation? The Bible gives a definite answer. The **only** way to Heaven is *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).*

Will you accept God's way of salvation? The choice is yours. You may continue to trust in those things which I have listed. If so, you will go to the grave without Christ – separated from God and wake up facing God's eternal punishment. Or, you can put your faith and trust in Christ Jesus and what He accomplished for you on Calvary's cross. Choose wisely! It's a matter of being in the loving arms of your Heavenly Father for eternity or being separated from God and consciously tormented night and day for all eternity (Rev. 14:11; 20:11-15). The choice is yours..... will it be **life** (in Christ) or **death** (spiritually dead and eternally separated from God).