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Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

1 Peter 3:15–16 (NLT)

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But **do this in a gentle and respectful way.** Keep your
conscience clear.

Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed
when they see what a good life you live because you
belong to Christ.

Colossians 4:6 (NIV)

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“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7–8 (NIV)

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**AT THE CORE OF CHRISTIANITY IS THE BELIEF
THAT THERE IS SOMETHING MORE THAN THIS LIFE**

... He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

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Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

John 11:25–26 (NIV)

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I INSTINCTIVELY KNOW THAT THERE IS RIGHT AND WRONG

- At the core of Christianity is the belief that there is more than this life

(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, **even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts**, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)

Romans 2:14–16 (NIV)

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If there is right and wrong, it follows that there must be an underlying law.

If there is a law, there must be a lawgiver – God.

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to
God.

Romans 14:12 (NIV)

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ALL PATHS DON'T LEAD TO HEAVEN

- At the core of Christianity is the belief that there is more than this life
- I instinctively know that there is right and wrong

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13–14 (NIV)

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Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (NIV)

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Everyone is not automatically
a child of God, but anyone can
be a child of God.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:10–13 (NIV)

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Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

John 3:3–7 (NLT)

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Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'

John 3:3–7 (NLT)

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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 3:16–18 (NIV)

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For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16–18 (NIV)

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I DON'T HAVE TO WONDER IF I'LL GO TO HEAVEN

- At the core of Christianity is the belief that there is more than this life
- I instinctively know that there is right and wrong
- All paths do not lead to heaven

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the
Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11–12 (NIV)

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I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 3:16–18 (NIV)

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Do you know for sure that if you died today you
would go to heaven?

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If God were to ask you why He should let you
into heaven, what would you say?

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HOW GOOD DO I HAVE TO BE TO GO TO HEAVEN?

- At the core of Christianity is the belief that there is more than this life
- I instinctively know that there is right and wrong
- All paths do not lead to heaven
- I don't have to wonder if I will go to heaven

Not a single person on earth is always good and never
sins.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT)

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As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands; there is no one who
seeks God.

All have turned away, they have together become
worthless; there is no one who does good, not even
one.”

Romans 3:10–12 (NIV)

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV)

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he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:5 (NIV)

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For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”

Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.”

Galatians 3:10–11 (NIV)

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I can't be good enough to go to heaven.

God must do something in my life that I
can't do for myself.



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

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- I instinctively know that there is right and wrong
- All paths do not lead to heaven
- I don't have to wonder if I will go to heaven
- How good do I have to be to go to heaven?

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

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

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

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You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6–8 (NIV)

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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

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If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 10:9–10 (NIV)

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for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

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- All paths don't lead to heaven
- I don't have to wonder if I will go to heaven
- How good do I have to be to go to heaven?
- What do I need to do to have eternal life?



“Jesus, thank you for loving me. I know that I’ve sinned and don’t deserve a relationship with you, but I am asking for forgiveness and will turn from my sin by the help of your Spirit. I believe you died on the cross for me to pay for my sins, and I believe that you rose from the dead and are alive. Lord, I receive you right now. I surrender my life to you and ask you to help me live for you for the rest of my life. Thank you for your gift of salvation. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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