



**ARE YOU
PREPARED
FOR
HEAVEN**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ to *obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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Different Types of People

- 1) Believe & abide by it
- 2) Believe & yet do not abide by it
- 3) Believe salvation cannot be removed
- 4) Believe faith regardless of lifestyle prepares them
- 5) Believe being “basically good” prepares them

False
Belief #1

All People Will Go To Heaven

“A loving God would never send one to hell!”

- A. Paul taught a judgment will occur (Rom. 2:3-11)
- B. Jesus taught a judgment will occur (Mat. 25:31-33)

“He will separate them one from another” (v.32)

False
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- C. Matthew 25:34 – “*Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you*”
Matthew 25:41 – “*Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire*”
The wicked will receive
“*everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.*”
(Matthew 25:46)

False
Belief #2

All “Good” People Will
Go To Heaven

- A. 2 Problems With This Thought:
1) “Good” is objective
2) Even the “good” are still sinners (Rom. 3:23)
B. Sin creates a separation between God & man (Isa. 59:1-2)

Isaiah 59:1-2

**Behold, the LORD’s hand is not so short
That it cannot save;
Nor is His ear so dull
That it cannot hear.**

**² But your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
And your sins have hidden *His* face from you
so that He does not hear.**

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False
Belief #2

All “Good” People Will
Go To Heaven

- A. 2 Problems With This Thought:
1) “Good” is objective
2) Even the “good” are still sinners (Rom. 3:23)
B. Sin creates a separation between God & man (Isa. 59:1-2)
C. Only the blood of Christ can tear down that separation (1 Pt. 1:18-19; Rom. 5:9)

False
Belief #3

All Who Believe Will
Go To Heaven

- A. 3 Problems With This Thought:
(Matthew 7:21-23)
- 1) Jesus said “not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter...” v.21
 - 2) The “everyone” Jesus speaks of are believers.
 - 3) “Many” will expect to enter. V.22
- B. Some who believe will be told to depart, but why? (Mat. 7:21)
They did not do the “will of My Father”

False
Belief #4

All Who Have Been
Saved Will Go To
Heaven

“Once Saved Always Saved”

- A. The Problem – That is not a Biblical Principle
- 1) Acts 8:9-23 – Simon (the sorcerer)
 - 2) Galatians 5:4 – those who attempted to hold to the Old Law
 - 3) 2 Peter 2:20-21 – those “again entangled”

**The Only Way To Prepare For Heaven
Is To Follow God Instead of Men...**

Matthew 7:21

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

1 Peter 3:21

Corresponding to that, **baptism now saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—**through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,**
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