

The Bridge Illustration

Beginning Questions

1. Do you ever think much about spiritual things?
2. Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know that you have eternal life? That is, do you know for sure that if you died today you would go to heaven?
3. If you were to die today and stand before God and He said to you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?", what would you say?

Transition to the gospel

If you'd be interested, I'd be glad to take a few minutes to share with you what I've found the Bible to say about how you can know for sure that you have eternal life.

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Spending eternity in heaven will mean spending eternity with God.

What is God like? The Bible says,

1. God is love—1 John 4:8
2. God is just—Deut. 32:4
3. God is holy—1 John 1:5

Now that we've seen what God is like, let's see what the Bible says about man.

1. All have sinned—Romans 3:23
2. Sin's penalty—Romans 6:23a

What is a wage? It is something you earn. The Bible says we have earned the death penalty because of our sin.

Death in the Bible means separation. We are separated from a holy God because of our sin. Unless this condition is remedied in this life, it will lead to eternal death, eternal separation from God.

Many have tried to bridge this separation by good works, but good works cannot save us—Ephesians 2:8, 9.

How can we be made right with God? The good news is that God Himself personally provided a bridge through Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus—who He is—John 1:1, 14
2. Jesus—what He did—1 Peter 3:18, 1 Cor. 15:3, 4
3. Jesus—the free gift—Romans 6:23b

Does everyone receive the free gift of eternal life? The Bible says no. In order to receive the gift, a person must repent and believe.

1. Repent—Acts 17:30, 31; Acts 20:21
2. Believe—John 3:16, Acts 16:31, John 5:24

Does this make sense to you? Would you like to open your life to Jesus Christ and receive the gift of eternal life?

Many have expressed their faith in Jesus Christ through a prayer, such as the following: "Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot be right with God through my own efforts. But I believe that You died for me and paid the penalty for my sin. I now ask You to come into my life as my Lord and Savior. I now place my trust in You alone, Lord Jesus, for my salvation. Help me to follow and obey You as Lord of my life."

