

A free gift! That is what God offers to those who are truly sorry for their sins, even though none of us deserves anything but judgement. *'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord.'* (Romans 6:23)

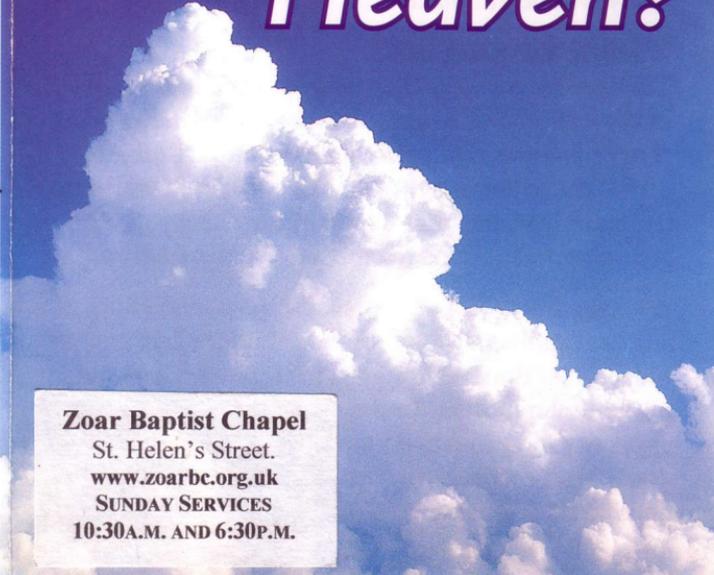
It is not a question of whether you are good enough for heaven. The fact is – no one is! What matters is whether or not you have received God's forgiveness. Jesus said, *'the one who comes to Me, I will by no means cast out.'* (John 6:37). Come to Him now for the free gift of forgiveness and make sure of your place in heaven.

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Most people would answer “*I hope so*”. To get the right answer, surely we need to ask the owner. After all, we all have rules as to whom we welcome into our home and those we would rather not invite inside.

God says that He will not let anything into heaven that would spoil it. He makes it clear that heaven is perfect. It is a place where ***‘there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain’*** (Revelation 21:4). It sounds like a really wonderful place!

What’s the problem?

The trouble for us is that none of us is perfect. We know that and of course God does too. God says, ***‘There is none righteous, no, not one’*** (Romans 3:10). We might imagine that God will just welcome us in anyway, but that would allow our wrong attitudes and actions to completely ruin heaven.

Also, God is a God of justice. If a person is guilty of a crime against society, we would not expect a good judge to let that person off, but to protect society by sentencing them. In the same way we should expect a God of justice to punish those who have done wrong. ***‘Shall not the God of all the earth do right?’*** (Genesis 18:25).

God has given us His laws. We may agree that they are good, but can we keep them? Have we always loved God with all our heart? And which of us has never been guilty of lying, stealing, pride, anger or greed? Remember that God knows all our thoughts too! ***‘I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind.’*** (Jeremiah 17:10).

It leaves us all without a chance, because the Bible says that God must punish wrong and will not let it into heaven. ***‘The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God.’*** (1 Corinthians 6:9). This means that every one of us has a very big problem. We have all broken God’s laws and therefore do not deserve to go to heaven. ***‘For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.’*** (Romans 3:23).

God’s answer to the problem.

The good news is that God found a way to deal with our wrong-doing (our sin). Because He loves us, God sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to take the punishment our sins deserve. That is the reason He died on the cross. ***‘God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.’*** (Romans 5:8). God can now forgive those who have broken His laws and give them a place in heaven.