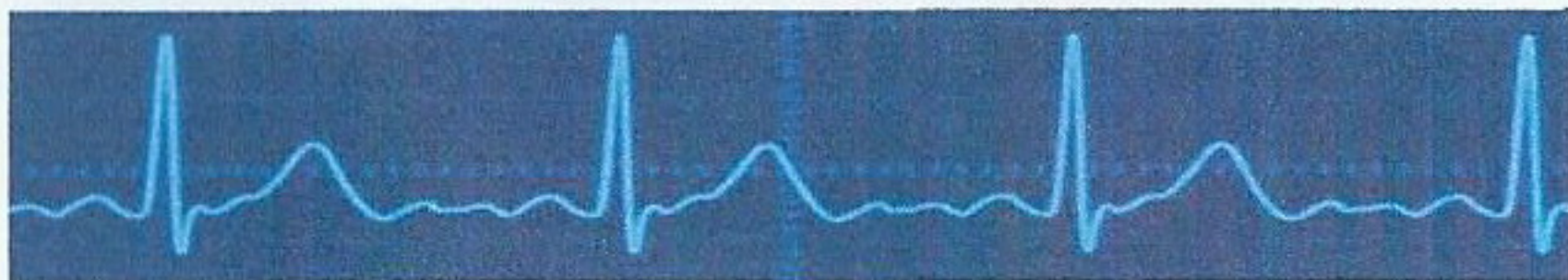


WHAT IF...

What If... instead of standing in front of you when I handed you this pamphlet, I collapsed in front of you holding my chest. You then called 911 to get me the help I needed. While we waited for the ambulance, I asked you what could have been the last question I would ever ask...





"If I died right now, I'm not sure I would go to Heaven, but I am sure that I want to. Could you tell me what I must **have** to go to Heaven?" **Would you know the answer?**
*(I only have minutes to live. I'll be gone before the ambulance arrives. **Your answer is my only hope.**)*



What If... the very reason I wanted to give you this pamphlet was to answer that final question: *How can you **know** you are going to Heaven? What is it that you must **know** to go to Heaven?* Ultimately, the question is, *What must you **have** to go to Heaven?* Let me explain...

What If... the something that you first needed to **know** was that there are **three natures** that must be understood:

(1) **God's Nature** is righteousness (holiness), and that is the nature of all those in Heaven. When God created man in His image, man (Adam) was created with a righteous nature just like His.

(2) **Satan's Nature** is diabolical (evilness). Satan tempted the parents of the human race, Adam and Eve, to destroy their righteous nature. The results...

(3) **Man's Nature** was instantly changed to a sinful nature. This sin nature is not allowed in Heaven, as it would pollute the condition of Heaven, as it did Earth.

So, this means that all men, due to an inherent sin nature, are born wrong...contaminated with sin. And a sin nature is so unlike God. For man to be able to go to Heaven and be with God, he must have his nature changed back... from sinfulness to righteousness again. Only God can change man's nature back to what it was before man fell in Adam.

What If... God can and will change your nature back to be like His... so you can go to Heaven and be with Him forever? I'm sure that you now know the answer to the original question, "*What must I **have** to go to Heaven?*" is "God's righteousness". But knowing this creates the "How?" question. **That is God's love story found only in the Bible.** You have to allow God to change your nature that you got from the fall of Adam. God, by a virgin birth, created a NEW "Adam"...without sin. This second Adam is God in the flesh, in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The way God describes this **nature change** is by calling it a NEW birth...being "born again" spiritually. This will put you under the nature of the second Adam. It is a spiritual family change **from the first Adam**, with a sinful nature, **to the second Adam**, with a righteous nature. You become a child of God, having a righteous nature. That's the "How".

So, when you die and stand before God and He asks you, "Why should I let you into My Heaven?" The only answer is, "I **have** the righteousness of Your Son given to me. I am family. I belong here." Heaven is only for the righteous... you can't go anywhere else but Home. It's your **new** nature.

Now, I want you to see what I have said from the Bible...

Righteousness, and How **You Can Obtain It** *(You Can't Get into Heaven Without It)*

YOU HAVE NO RIGHTEOUSNESS IN AND OF YOURSELF: **Romans 3:10, 23**, "There is none righteous, no, not one: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Also see, Isaiah 64:6)

YOU NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO GET RIGHTEOUSNESS: **Romans 5:12, 18**, "As by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon **all men**, for that all have sinned: As by the offence of one [Adam] judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the **righteousness** of One [Christ] the free gift came upon all men [who believe] unto justification of life."

YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT YOU NEED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS: **Romans 5:6, 8**, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth His **love** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

YOU MUST KNOW WHY YOU NEED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS: **Romans 6:23**, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." **John 3:16a**, "For God so **loved** the world [mankind], that He **gave** His only begotten Son [Jesus Christ],

YOU MUST PERSONALLY ACCEPT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS: **John 3:16b**, "That whosoever believeth in [asks, accepts] Him should not perish [be separated from God forever], but **have** everlasting life [be with God forever]."

JUST ASK HIM FOR HIS SAVING RIGHTEOUSNESS: **Romans 10: 9, 10, 13**, "That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved**. For with the heart man believeth unto **righteousness**; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall **call** upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved**." See the **CONCLUSION:** JOHN 5:24

WHAT IF...

...you found a quiet place where you could pray, and you bowed your head and asked God to save you, to change your old nature to the righteous nature of His Son, Jesus Christ?

Pray, *"Dear Lord, I know that I am a sinner. I know that You love me, sending Your Son to die for me on the Cross--paying for my sins. I believe You raised Him from the dead to prove His sacrifice for me was accepted by You. Thank you for giving to me His righteousness so I can have eternal life with You. In Jesus name. Amen."*

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