

DO I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

2Pet 1:12-15

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Some basic things we ought to know
 1. We have an eternal soul Eccl 12:7; Lk 16:19
 2. We have an appointment to meet Heb 9:27
 3. We don't know when this will be Matt 24:44
 4. We will be judged Rev 20:12; Rom 14:12
 5. After judgment there will be eternity Matt 25:46
- B. Where do you want to be for eternity?
- C. Most, if not all would say heaven!

DISCUSSION:

I. WHAT IT MEANS TO MISS HEAVEN

- A. If you miss heaven, it means you will gain hell
 1. Only two places in eternity Matt 25:46
 2. So, to miss one means gaining the other
- B. Do you know what hell is like?
 1. Separation for God for eternity 2Thess 1:8,9
 2. Outer darkness Matt 25:30
 3. Eternal fire Matt 25:41
 4. Smoke of torment forever Rev 14:11
- C. Do you know what heaven is like?
 1. Description of heaven Rev 21:11-27
 2. No more tears or sorrows Rev 21:4
 3. Be with and in the presence of God forever
 4. Happy, rejoicing and praising God forever Rev 4:11; 15:3,4; 19:1-7
- D. In light of this understanding about heaven and hell what is your and my answer?
 1. Of course the answer is yes!
 2. But is our desire to go to heaven strong enough?

II. WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?

- A. Those who do the will of God Matt 7:21
- B. So, how can we know the will of God?
 1. Not through the doctrines of men Matt 15:9
 2. Not by traditions of fathers Mk 7:9
 3. Not by our own wisdom Jer 10:23; Rom 10:1-3
 4. Can know God's will through the scriptures 2Pet 1:3 2Tim 3:16; Eph 3:3,4

III. WHAT IS INVOLVED IN DOING THE WILL OF GOD?

- A. Primary obedience to the gospel Rom 1:16; 1Cor 15:1
- B. Obedience to gospel involves Rom 6:16,17; 1Pet 1:22
 1. Jailer told to believe Acts 16:31
 2. Pentecostians to repent and be baptized Acts 2:38
 3. Ethiopian told to confess Acts 8:37
 4. Saul of Tarsus told to be baptized Acts 22:16
- C. Remember, it must be from the heart Rom 6:17-18

D. Continue in the faith Acts 14:22; Rev 2:10

E. A failure to do these is a failure to prepare for heaven

IV. SECURING A HOME IN HEAVEN INVOLVES FAITHFULLY KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDS

- A. Those who enter keep them Rev 22:14
- B. Fruitless vine or branch taken away Jhn 15:2-6
- C. Only those who use their talents are rewarded Matt 25:14-30

CONCLUSION:

- A. So, if you REALLY want to go to heaven you will
 1. Be steadfast 1Cor 15:58
 2. Be faithful till death Rev 2:10
 3. Put God and His kingdom first Matt 6:33
 4. Put yourself to the test 2Cor 13:5
- B. Am I willing to put God first
- C. Have you done and are you doing the will of God? If not, then heaven will not be yours!