

How many sins does it take to be worthy of death?

- 100 sins 10 sins 1 sin

The verse below has the answer.

*“For whoever keeps the whole law
and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”*
James 2:10, NIV

- ❖ **Underline** what happens if we “*stumble at*” (fail to obey) just one part of God’s law.
Based on these verses, no one is able to perfectly keep God’s law.

3. Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Died on the Cross for Our Sins!

*“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.’”*
John 14:6, NIV

- ❖ **Underline three** things Jesus said He was.

- ✓ **The WAY:** **Jesus** is the only path for sinners to reach heaven.
- ✓ **The TRUTH:** **Jesus** fulfilled all the promises and prophecies about a Savior.
- ✓ **The LIFE:** **Jesus** is the source of Eternal Life for all who believe in Him.

- ❖ **Circle** who is able to come to God without Jesus.

PENALTY

- ◆ Our sin separated us from God.
- ◆ Christ’s death on the cross paid the **penalty** for our sin.
- ◆ That is why eternal life can only be found through Christ.

*“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.”*
Romans 5:8, ESV

- ❖ **Circle** what *condition* we were in when God showed “*love for us*.”
- ❖ **Underline** *how* God showed His “*love for us*.”

Do you believe Jesus died for you? Yes No



*“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:
that **Christ** died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that He was buried,
that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and
that He **appeared** to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that,
He **appeared** to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time,
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then
He **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles.”*
1 Corinthians 15:3-7, NIV

- ❖ **Underline four** things Christ did.
- ❖ **Circle** all the people Christ “*appeared to*” after rising from the dead.

Do you believe God raised Christ from the dead? Yes No

“God must either **INFLECT** punishment or **ASSUME** it.
And He chose the latter course, as honoring the law **while** saving the guilty.
He took His own judgment.
~ P. T. Forsyth

*“As it is written:
There is **none** righteous,
no, **not one.**”*
~ Romans 3:10, NIV

Acts 4:12

*“For Christ also suffered
once for sins, the righteous
for the unrighteous,
that He might
bring us to God...”*
~ 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

? *What is significant about
God loving us before we even
knew or cared about Him?*

*“In Him we have redemption
through His blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches
of His grace.”*
Ephesians 1:7, NKJV

*“Only Christ could build a
bridge to God
with only two
pieces of wood.”*
~ Anonymous

4. We must receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

*"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,'
and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9, NIV*

❖ Underline *two* things we must do to be saved.

*"Yet to all who received Him,
to those who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God."
John 1:12, NIV*

❖ Underline *two* things we must do to "become children of God."

"Receiving Christ" Involves . . .

- **believing** in Jesus Christ as your Lord (spiritual leader) and Savior.
- **trusting** in all He has done on the Cross to purchase your forgiveness.
- **repenting** of your sins and asking God to help you live in a way that pleases Him.

Would you like to receive Christ into your life? Yes No

*"Not by works of righteousness which we have done,
but according to His mercy He saved us...."
Titus 3:5, NKJV*

❖ **Frame** how "He saved us."

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV*

❖ **Circle** how we are saved.

❖ Underline *why* God choose to save us through "faith" instead of "works."

Satan's Greatest Success

is in making people think they have plenty of time
before they die to consider their eternal welfare.

~ John Owen

Receiving Christ

Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and trusted Him to forgive your sins? If not, would you like to do that?



You can make this all-important decision now! Just pray something similar to this prayer.

*"Dear Jesus, I confess I have sinned against you and need your forgiveness.
Thank you for dying on the cross in my place for my sins.
I receive you into my life and trust in You alone as my Savior and Lord.
Help me live in a way that pleases You. Amen!"*

It is not the words that are important, but our faith.

We trust Christ will forgive our sins because He promised He would.

*"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:13, NKJV*

❓ What does **John 3:36** say is the way to have eternal life?

*"...Believe
on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and you will be saved...."*

Acts 16:31, NKJV

REPENT

✝ Repent means you are sorry for doing wrong.

✝ Plus, you are willing to change your future actions.

✝ That is why Paul "...preached that they should **repent** and turn to God and demonstrate their **repentance** by their deeds."
(Acts 26:20, NIV)

❓ Why do you think God has based eternal life on our faith rather than our works?

"He who created us
without our HELP,
will not save us
without our CONSENT."

~ Augustine

Luke 15:7 & 15:10
describe the
"Joy in Heaven" when
one sinner repents!

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Assurance of Eternal Life

*"Most assuredly, I [Jesus] say to you,
he who believes in Me has everlasting life."
John 6:47, NKJV*

- ❖ **Put a star before** the words "most assuredly."
Jesus wanted Christians to be **certain** about having Eternal Life!

*"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life,
and this life is in His Son [Jesus].
Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God
that you may know that you have eternal life."
1 John 5:11-13, ESV*

- ❖ **Circle** what God gave us.
- ❖ **Underline** where "eternal life" is found.
- ❖ **Frame** what a person **has** if he has Jesus.
- ❖ **Frame** what a person does **not** have if he does not have Jesus.

According to this passage, can a person know for sure he has Eternal Life?

Yes No

- ❖ **Underline** this passage's answer to this question.
- ❖ **Circle** *who* can know they have "eternal life."

Have you asked Christ to come into your life? Yes No

ETERNAL LIFE

- is not** based on how "good" we are or how we feel.
- is** only based on our faith in Jesus Christ.

Notice that **1 John 5:11-13** is written to those who "believe in the name of the Son of God."

APPLICATION

We will close with the same question we began with...

If you died today, are you sure you have Eternal Life?

*"I am absolutely sure I have Eternal Life
through Jesus Christ, God's Son.*

If I died today, I KNOW I would be in Heaven with God."

Date

Signature

- If you are still not sure you have Eternal Life, review **1 John 5:11-13** above.
- **Discuss any additional questions with your Pastor or Bible study leader.**
- It is important to understand this lesson for it is the **foundation** of all the others!



**We use
duct tape
to fix
things.**

God used NAILS.

~ Unknown

BIBLE Example

The **Apostle Paul** is a great example of a Christian who was bold about his faith!

Paul said, "**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.**"

(Romans 1:16, NKJV)

"The only thing of our very own which we contribute to our salvation is the **SIN** which makes it necessary."

~ William Temple



John 10:28-29

PRAYER

Father, I praise You for promising eternal life to all who believe in Jesus! I'm grateful that You made a way for me to become Your child! Amen.

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