

DISCOVERY 2000

How to be sure to get to heaven.

If you were to die tonight, do you have the assurance of eternal life in the resurrection?

Does God want every one to be saved?

2 Peter 3:9 (1167)

Then will everyone be saved? If not, why not?

Matthew 7:22, 23 (941)

Since these people were lost by being evil, can I be saved by being good?

Ephesians 2:8, 9 (1125)

The human predicament

Lost - 3 parables in Luke 15:3-32 (1011)

- the use of the word "saved" implies this condition

Condemned to die - Romans 6:23, (1089) Colossians 2:13 (1133)

Hopelessly in debt - Matthew 18:23-35 (953)

Alienated from God - Romans 5:10; (1088)

- Isaiah 59:2 (716)

How we got into it

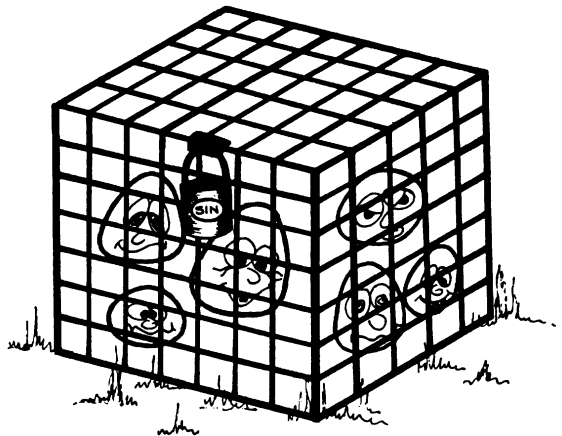
Genesis 3 - unbelief

⇒ disobedience

⇒ hid from God (guilt)

Can we get ourselves out of it?

Jeremiah 13:23 (742)



Does being good today make up for being bad yesterday

God's way out of the human predicament

Alienation God came looking for man Genesis 3:9, (3) Romans 5:1 (1088)

Indebtedness - provided a substitute (lamb) Gen 3:21
- Abraham - God will provide what man owes Genesis 22:8 (18)

- See Jesus - Lord's prayer Matthew 6:12 (939)



Lostness - 3 parables on lost things

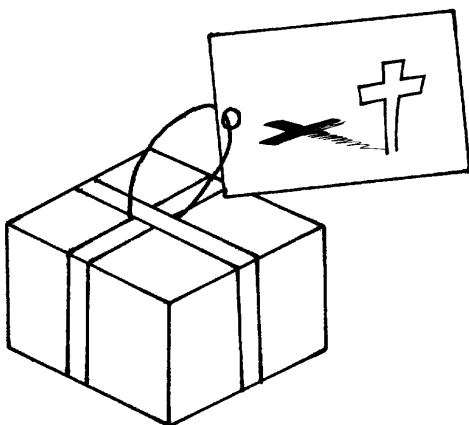
Condemnation - Jesus - John 3:16- (1027)

Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness in which we had no share. He suffered the death that was ours that we might receive the life which was His. Desire of Ages 25

How should I respond to God's offer ?

Believe it

1. God loves me
2. If I confess, He will forgive 1John 1:9 (1168)



Receive it - its a gift, its free to you.

Repent - Parable of the Pharisee / Tax collector

Luke 18:10-14 (1014)

Faith ⇨ obedience - Heb 11:7, 8; (1155)

Love ⇨ obedience - John 14:15, 23, 24 (1043); also 1 John 5:2, 3 (1171); Exodus 20:6, (71)
Deuteronomy 11:1, 13, 22 (177)