

**What lies beyond  
death's door?  
What is your  
eternal destiny?  
Are you ready to  
die? How good  
is good enough?**



“The very fact that we are spirit beings temporarily living in bodies demands **great urgency** in determining our future with **complete certainty!**” Dave Hunt

**Religions** share one common denominator:

How you live your life on this side of the grave determines what happens next.

The logic behind *good people go to heaven* is **seemingly impenetrable** on 3 accounts:

- 1) It is fair
- 2) It coincides with the notion that God is good
- 3) It appeals to our common sense – it keeps everybody on their best behavior – or it should.

What other view could there possibly be? Perhaps *bad people go to heaven*? Unthinkable! Every major world religion subscribes to the notion that our deeds here on earth determine our destination in the afterlife. *All* the experts can't be wrong. Can they?

The insurmountable problems with *good people go to heaven* view:

We don't know exactly what *good* is. Even our religious leaders can't agree on the subject.

We can't use the Bible as a gauge to measure how close we are to getting in. The Bible doesn't claim to offer a way to heaven through good works.

Jesus assured the most religious people of his day that they weren't good enough to enter God's kingdom, while promising criminals and prostitutes that God would gladly welcome them.

**The Alternative?** The view I hold along with almost 1/3 of the world's population:

*Forgiven people go to heaven.*

And forgiveness is made possible by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Christianity teaches that we **need** a Savior not just to do better. Is Christianity fair? It is certainly not fair to God. Christians believe that God sent his son to die for *your* sins and *mine*. Fairness would demand that we die for our own sins. But the **good news** is that God opted for grace and mercy over fairness.

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**“Prepare to meet thy God” Amos 4:12**