

THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
(John 3:16).

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory to God.” **(Romans 3:23).**

God’s Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” **(Romans 6:23).**

The Good News Is That Christ Paid for Our Sins.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” **(Romans 5:8).**

We Must Personally Pray and Receive Christ by Faith as Our Personal Saviour.

The Bible Says, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* **(Romans 10:13).**



Memory Verse- I Peter 5:8

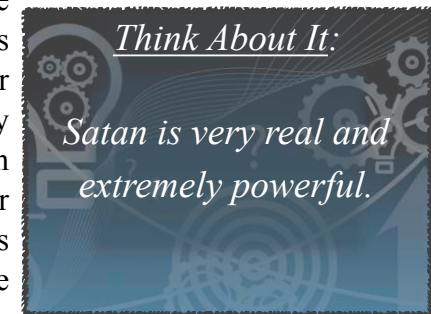
“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

This is our last study in the book of I Peter. The theme that Peter has emphasized is live with hope. Peter speaks much about the sufferings of Christians. We must remember the severe persecution that these Christians were under. II Timothy 3:12 says, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

Persecution happens because someone has an enemy. An enemy is one that is actively opposed to or hostile towards another. An enemy purposefully tries to hurt or tear down another. This can be a single person or a group of people. An enemy is definitely not on your side. They are against you in every way.

You have an enemy! You have an enemy who is trying to destroy you. Encouraging right? This enemy wants to see you fall. He hates you and desires to kill you. This enemy is very real and extremely powerful. This enemy is your adversary the devil. Read I Peter 5:8-14. Peter gives us strong warning about this adversary. Satan wants nothing more than for you to deny God, fall into sin, destroy your testimony, and spend eternity in hell.

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Your Thoughts

Your Enemy (8)

Peter warns Christians to be sober and vigilant because they have an enemy. This means we are to be watchful and mentally self-controlled. We must be awake, alert, refraining from sleep. This enemy is your adversary the devil. An adversary is an opponent in a lawsuit. He is an enemy. Read Ephesians 6:12. Satan is very real and at work in the world which we live.

Your adversary is out to destroy you. Revelation 12:10 tells us that Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He accuses these to God night and day. Read the first two chapters of the book of Job. Look at what Satan did to Job and his family. Satan wants to do the same to you! You must be alert and awake.

Think About It:
Satan is as a hungry, roaring lion chasing after its prey.

Peter describes Satan as a roaring lion. Think about the lion’s fierceness and ability to destroy prey. Satan literally walks around this earth searching for those he can devour. Devour means to swallow or consume. Satan desires to consume you as a lion does his prey.

Your Defense (9)

A Christian cannot fight against the devil. He is too powerful. So what are we to do? Should we run and hide? No, Peter instructs us to resist this enemy steadfast in the faith. This means we are to withstand the attacks. We are not to move or retreat. The word steadfast is a military term and it means to be unmovable.

Just as the front line of an army is to stand against the enemy not moving, we are to stand firm against the attacks of the devil. Notice the emphasis placed on our faith. This is what we are to stand against the devil with. This is what he hates.

Your Thoughts

Read Ephesians 6:11-18. Here we have the armor of God. This is what God has given the Christian to wear to do battle with. Picture in your mind each piece of the armor on a person. The belt, the breastplate, shoes, the shield, the helmet, the sword, and prayer. What is the one area not protected on the soldier? The soldiers back is unprotected. God has designed the Christian life for us not to retreat. We must always be on the offense moving forward.

Your Hope (10)

Yes there is hope! We have an enemy trying to destroy us, but Peter reminds us we can live with hope. Why can we live with hope? We have the God of all grace and He has called us unto His eternal glory through Jesus Christ.

Do you have this hope? The only way to miss eternity in hell and defeat your enemy is through Jesus Christ. Read John chapter three. Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins? Have you called upon Him to save you? You can do that right now.

Think About It:
All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

You will suffer in this world. Read II Timothy 3:12, I Peter 3:14, and Romans 8:18. Peter reminds us that we will only suffer on this earth for a short time. Peter gives four things that Christ will perform for the Christian. He will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you upon Himself. We can endure the suffering because we have hope in Jesus Christ. There is something worth waiting and fighting for.

In what ways is Satan trying to destroy you now? There should be specific ways you can point out.