

WHAT IF?

What if I am wrong for believing that there is a God, that there are places called Heaven and Hell, that God the Son (Jesus Christ) actually took to Himself a human body so that He could shed His innocent blood and die on the Cross of Calvary and pay our sin debt, that He bodily rose the third day and is right now in Heaven at the Father's right hand, that all who do not repent of sin and by faith alone receive Him as personal Saviour will not go to Heaven but will spend eternity in the place the Bible calls the Lake of Fire; what if I am wrong for believing what the Bible says about all of this as I have trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and sought to live for Him and His glory; what have I lost when it is all said and done? Friend, I have not lost anything! But let me now ask you; by not believing this, by not repenting of sin and trusting Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour; what have you lost? According to God's Word, you have lost everything now and, when your physical life comes to an end, your soul (the real part of you that lives forever) will immediately go to Hell; after the great White Throne judgment by Jesus Christ, you will be cast into the Lake of Fire and be there for all eternity. What if I am right and you are wrong? Are you willing to take that risk? Is the risk worth your eternal soul that weighs in the balance? No my friend, the risk is not worth it!

You are an eternal soul, for whom Jesus Christ came to die for; that's what John 3:16 is all about. Please read these Bible verses carefully: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." {John 3:14-18} God loves you so much that He did all of this just for you, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} Jesus spoke about Hell when He said of a certain rich man, "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." {Luke 16:23}

Speaking of the final judgment in Revelation we read the following, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." {Revelation 20:10-15}

My friend, it does not matter to God who you are or what you may have done; the fact is that He loves you and wants to save you, and this He will do if you will repent for your sin (to take God's side against your sin) and by faith alone in the shed blood and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, to receive Him as your personal Saviour. God will forgive and save you for all eternity, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {1 John 5:11-13} Please understand that this does not mean you have a right to go off and live how you want to; you have a responsibility to live your life in such a manner as to bring honor and glory to our Saviour. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." {2 Corinthians 5:17} "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." {1 Corinthians 6:19-20} This is why it is so important to attend a good Bible-believing, Bible-preaching church where you can be spiritually fed from the Word of God, to daily read God's Word, and to daily have a prayer time.

Well my friend, I reckon that's about it, but I would like to ask you one more time: what if you are right and I am wrong, what have I lost? NOTHING! However, what if I am right and you are wrong, what have you

lost? YOU HAVE LOST EVERYTHING, EVEN YOUR SOUL! Are you willing to take that risk? As kindly as I know how, I must tell you that it's not worth it. God said it and that settles it; people just need to believe it.

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