

The Two Steps Needed Get To Heaven (aka Eternal Life)

Everyone who is a believer wants to go to Heaven. But is everyone who is “saved” going to Heaven? Let’s look walk through the Scriptural clues.

How do we become Believers? What do the Scriptures tell us?

First, let’s look at how we came to the state of being lost.

Lost/Separated

1. Adam was covered with something before he sinned. I presume it was light/righteousness. The Creator sacrificed a sheep/lamb to make “coats of skin” to replace the fig leaves and atone/cover their nakedness Gen 3:21
2. When Adam lost his light/righteousness he was removed from the Garden without eating from the “Tree of Life”.
3. We (as descendants of Adam) are born in a “lost state”; separated from YHVH because of original sin.

Restoration/Blessing

4. Abraham **had faith in YHVH** and it was accounted to him as **righteousness** (Gal 3:16). He is no longer separated from YHVH by faith.
5. Then Abraham was **blessed**:

*Gen 26:5 Because that **Abraham obeyed** my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*

What I gather from the Creator’s interaction with Abraham is that entering the Kingdom of Heaven is a 2 step process. **1.) Restoration of the righteousness lost in the Garden. 2.) Obedience to the commandments of YHVH.**

New Testament Scriptural Evidence

I am going to show you 2 verses that are ostensibly asking the same question. But based upon the answers we know they must be 2 different questions.

***Question:** Act 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be “saved”?*

***Question:** Matt 19:16 ...what good thing shall I do, that I may have “eternal life”?*

Same Question? No, this is evidence of the 2 Step process

***Step 1:** Act 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be “saved”? 31 And they said, **Believe** on the Master YeShua HaMashiach, and thou shalt be “saved”, and thy house.*

***Step 2:** Matt 19:16 ...what good thing shall I do, that I may have “eternal life”? 17 And he said unto him, ...but if thou wilt enter into “life”, keep the commandments.*

We can also look at the root words for **“saved”** and **“eternal life”** and confirm the 2 concepts are different.

“Saved” is Strongs 4982 **“Sozo”**

KJV Translation Count — Total: 110x

The KJV translates Strong's G4982 in the following manner: [save](#)(93x), [make whole](#)(9x), [heal](#)(3x), [be whole](#)(2x), [miscellaneous](#)(3x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

1. to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction
 1. one (from injury or peril)
 1. to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, **restore to health**
 2. to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or **rescue**

STEP 1: LOST/DYING THEN RESTORED BUT STILL MORTAL

Matt 19:16 ...what good thing shall I do, that I may have "eternal life"? 17 And he said unto him, ...but if thou wilt enter into "life", keep the commandments.

"Life" is Strong's 2222 "**Zoe**"

KJV Translation Count — Total: 134x

The KJV translates Strong's G2222 in the following manner: [life](#) (133x), [lifetime](#) (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

1. life
 1. the state of one who is possessed of vitality or is **animate**
 2. every living soul

STEP 2: MORTAL BECOMES IMMORTAL THROUGH "TREE OF LIFE"

*Rev 22:14 **Blessed [are] they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*

Now these verses make sense once we understand the 2 Step process:

*Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.** 14 For Elohim shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

*Philippians 3:11 If by any means **I might** attain unto the resurrection of the dead.*

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

*Matthew 5:17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law**, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

Revelation 2:23 *And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*

Matthew 5:20 *For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 7:14 *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

Luke 13:23 *Then said one unto him, Master, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, 24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*

Matthew 7:22 *Many will say to me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.***

Luke 20:35 *But they which **shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world and the resurrection from the dead,** neither marry, nor are given in marriage:*

Revelation 3:4 *Thou hast **a few names** even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: **for they are worthy.***

Revelation 3:5 **He that overcometh,** the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,** but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 21:7 **He that overcometh shall inherit all things;** and I will be his Elohim, and he shall be my son