Unholy – And In Heaven?

"we are all as an unclean thing" [Isaiah 64:6]

Most people want to go to heaven someday. After all, who really wants to go to hell? But the Bible tells us **heaven is a place of absolute moral purity and holiness, where no sin can be allowed**. So why would an unholy person ever want to go to heaven? Surely they would be miserable there without the ability to indulge in the kinds of activities that they were engrossed in here on earth. Why would they want to live with the author of the Bible after having continually violated His commandments all their lives?

Just as a pig by nature is happy wallowing in the mud and mire, so an unsaved sinner is happy reveling in his sins. Without the the mud of sin to enjoy in heaven, the unsaved would be quite miserable there. And just as a cat by nature hates to get wet, so a saved sinner hates to commit sin once he has the spirit of God in him. With a new spirit and a new heart, living and dwelling with a holy, sin-hating God will be a great joy and a real pleasure for the true Christian.

Jesus Christ is Lord of heaven. He is holy and righteous. He hates sin and can have no fellowship with those who die in their sins. If he does not become Lord of your life on earth (Lord of your thoughts, words and deeds), do not expect him to welcome you with open arms into heaven. The Bible paints a very grim picture of the fate of those who die without the salvation that Christ alone provides:

> "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: **Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell**; yea, I say unto you, Fear him." [Luke 12:4-5]
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> "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was **cast into the lake of fire**." [Revelation 20:15]
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> "And **the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever**: and they have no rest day nor night" [Revelation 14:11]
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> "But the fearful, and **unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in **the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone**: which is **the second death**." [Revelation 21:8]
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> "He that believeth on him [Jesus] 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 3:18]

How we are made holy and fit for heaven:

> "except ye **repent**, ye shall all likewise perish" [Luke 13:3]
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> "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent** ye, and believe the gospel." [Mark 1:15]

Only by an act of God (being "born from above") and through the power of the Holy Spirit can a person truly repent (turn from sin and have an imparted desire to be holy and live holy, being preoccupied with pleasing God).

Read the Bible **carefully**, asking God to show you the truth about how sinful He sees you and about how holy He is. Find out why Jesus Christ left heaven and came to earth to suffer the full fury of the wrath of God. Was it for YOUR sins? If not, then you will indeed be damned because there is no other Saviour:

> "for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" [Acts 4:12]

Jesus is not your Saviour until He has converted you:

> "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." [Matt 18:3]

You will know when Christ has converted you. Your thinking will dramatically change and you will understand things in the Bible that you never thought a person could understand. More information on the signs of true conversion can be found at the links below.

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.

Cry out to God to have mercy on you and to save your lost soul from the wrath to come before its too late – before you end up in hell forever, with all those who have no hope, all those who weep and wail and gnash their teeth.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" [Jeremiah 8:20]