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The Bible tells us that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23, Ecclesiastes 7:20). If you don't realize that you are a sinner you cannot go to Heaven. You may ask, why would this be true? Because only sinners need to have their sins paid for.

If you don't know that you are a sinner you will never ask for the forgiveness of your sins. If you have ever told a little white lie or taken something that doesn't belong to you, it makes you a sinner. Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:2). We can never be good enough to get to Heaven because no amount of good works can make up for the sin in our life (Titus 3:5). If we pay for our own sin, we will spend eternity in Hell (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 14:11) In light of these facts, things don't look very good for us. But God didn't want for anyone to die and go to Hell.

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So how did God take care of this problem? He could not leave such an important task to anyone else to do so He put on human flesh in the form of Jesus Christ (John chapter 1) and lived a perfect, sinless life. Because He had no sin of His own He was able to take our sins upon Himself. He died on the cross of Calvary to pay for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus Christ is the only way for anyone to go to Heaven (John 14:6). The Bible tells us that if we will accept the payment that Jesus made for us on the cross for our sins and accept Him as our Saviour He will give us everlasting life (John 3:16-18 Ephesians 2:8,9).

If we decide to try to make it to Heaven our own way we will spend eternity in Hell. Pride may enter into the picture and we may think that we can get to Heaven on our good merits, but the Bible tells us that our best is as filthy rags in God's sight (Isaiah 64:6). Please accept Jesus Christ as your saviour. God has done the hard part and paid for your sins. God gives us the choice to decide if we will accept His way to Heaven or try to make our own way. The Bible however is clear that God's way is the only way (Proverbs 16:25). You need to accept this payment to have it applied to your life. Over 150,000 people will die today. How many of them will die without Christ? Don't be one of them.
"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

Here is a sample prayer for you to accept Jesus as your Saviour.

Dear Lord,
I know that I am a sinner, and that I can never be good enough to get myself into Heaven. I know that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and the best I know how, I am accepting the payment He made for me. Please forgive me of my sins and allow me to live with you in Heaven someday. God, I thank you for forgiving me. Please help me to serve you in my daily life. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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