

HANDOUT: Your Everlasting Decision

A human person is made of three parts, **the body, soul, and spirit**.

The **BODY** is the physical form (bones and flesh shaped with the DNA from the parents).

The **SOUL** is the will, mind, intellect, emotions, feelings and memories.

The **SPIRIT** is the human spirit, which has the ability to connect with Father God.

I believe the real person, the “heart” of a man (not talking about the pump that allows blood to flow through the body), is a combination of the soul and spirit. The heart is a person’s inner self.

When a person dies, what do you think actually happens to him? _____

Some think the person just goes into the casket and the ground—but that just takes care of the body. Where do the spirit and soul go? When the spirit and soul leave the physical body, what happens? There are two choices. What if the spirit and soul leave the body and go to hell, which is separation from a loving creator God? In hell, the demons are evil, extremely mean, and more powerful than the human spirit—so there will be no way to escape. There will be no rest, no peace, and no joy. The flames of fire will be hot but will not consume the person. It will be dark and lonely. There will be no food, no drink, and no death to stop the suffering, suffering, and more suffering. Who would dare take a chance with eternity if that is a possibility?

Hell is no party!

I used to hear people say, “I’m going to go to hell and party with my friends!” Unfortunately, that is a trick/lie! No one can go to hell and party with friends because in order to party there must be beer, wine, alcohol, drugs, smokes, food, music, and so on. In hell there is no sunshine, no water, and therefore there are no grains, grapes, no hops, no crops, and no food. Also, there is no electricity. Think it through!! The enemy wants people there so he can party by torturing them. Don’t fall for his tricks. No one is promised tomorrow, so don’t wait any longer. Don’t take the chance of waiting to the last minute—some may not have a last minute. There will be weeping and wailing, forever (Matt. 8:12). There will be no hope, no turning around, no redemption, and no “do-overs.” Once your spirit man is released from your body, it is too late!

The Good News

The good news is that hell was not created for humans. It was designed as a punishment for evil. Man was created to have a relationship with God, to walk and talk with God. God wants all to be with Him in heaven. The problem is that after Satan tempted Adam and Eve, they sinned, and man was separated from God, who was perfect and just and therefore could not accept sin. God knew that man could never be free from sin and would fail. However, He loved people so much that He created a way that someone could be punished for the sin, and all others could come to Him in righteousness. Jesus is the way God devised. Jesus gave up His deity as part of the Godhead and came to earth as a human. He lived a righteous life and was sacrificed on the cross. When He died, as the only innocent man, He took on all sin and shame. He died so that when a person believes in Him and repents from sin, he can return to God through Jesus’ righteousness. This is called grace. Jesus died for all the sin of mankind—large or small—and those who accept him and this gift get to fellowship with God in eternity through His righteous sacrifice.

When a person who has truly said yes to Jesus dies:

- The spirit-man will be safely **escorted** by the Holy Spirit and the angels to heaven. The Holy Spirit lives inside of Christians from the day they say *yes* to Jesus. The Bible says the Holy Spirit will never leave, desert, or forsake (Heb. 13:5).
- The person will be **protected** by warrior angels, angels called ministering spirits, and/or guardian angels who behold the face of God the Father (Matt. 18:10).
- The person will end up in the third heaven (2 Cor. 12:2), the abode of God. The welcoming committee will be made up of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, or cousins who have gone on before. The person will see streets paved with gold, mansions, beautiful flowers, tall trees, fresh green grass and hear beautiful heavenly music. Each will visit with Jesus and see the throne room of God—all the good stuff!

Mental assent as to who Jesus is or was is not enough to save. Just knowing Jesus as a historical figure in some book is not enough to save. Every person must invite Jesus into his life and mean it when he says the invitational prayer. Then the Holy Spirit comes and seals him for eternity. The Holy Spirit actually lives inside of the believer and will help him daily (1 Cor. 6:19).

Here is the path to heaven; Jesus is the ticket:

Lord, I confess that you, Jesus, died for me and paid for all my sin—past, present and future. I acknowledge that I have broken your commandments; I admit I have been a sinner. Please forgive my sins and bad behavior. Jesus, come into my life. I choose you to be my Lord and Savior. Please direct my life. Reveal to me your unconditional love and show me the plan you have for my life. Make me new. I want to live for you now. Give me a desire to read your Word and give me the understanding on how to apply the Scriptures to my life. I renounce Satan. I renounce evil. Please take away my addictions, help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me, show me a way out of my problems, and please fix my relationships. Help me live a better life. I want to go to heaven for eternity when my time comes. Send angels to protect me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

PROBLEM SOLVED!

Now go, live out the rest of your life in peace, knowing you are sealed for eternity. Tell someone your story; keep this sheet as a reminder. Make a copy of this sheet and share it with a friend.

Remember:

You don't have to work for God's love. He already loves you so much that He created a way for you to be with Him forever, and He will never love you any more or any less. However, many people who realize that Jesus was sacrificed for their sin start to love Him so much that they don't want to sin anymore. That is usually how one realizes a person is truly saved. They begin to love God so much that they don't want to sin. And they begin to love other people so much that they don't want to do anything to hurt others. They begin to see others as Jesus sees them. If there is no life change, no behavior change, no attitude change for the better, no love, and no fruit, they might not yet be truly saved. Read Matt. 7:13-23: We know people by their fruits.

See [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) for a video of Mary K. Baxter's trip to hell escorted by Jesus or read:

Mary K. Baxter, *A Divine Revelation of Hell*, (New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 1993)

Mary K. Baxter, *A Divine Revelation of Heaven*, (New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 1998)