The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. -Psa. 19:1

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. -Col. 1:16,17

The point is that there is One greater than us all—who made us all.

And one **[angel]** ***cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory... Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*** -Isa. 6:3,5

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. -Psa. 89:14

The point is that the God who gave us life is **holy** and just.

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. -Rom. 14:11,12

The point is that God will judge us according to right and wrong.

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)

1. ***Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*** Have you *always* loved God above all? Money, sports, sex—whatever you love the most is the "god" of your life. Have you worshipped anything other than God? Is God, your Creator, most important in your life?
2. ***Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.*** Do you worship a false god (an idol) other than the God of the Bible? If you believe in a god who will allow sin (white lies, fornication, etc.), then your god is an idol—he does not exist. The true God is a *consuming fire*, overcome with righteousness (Deu. 4:24).
3. ***Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.*** Have you *ever* used God's holy name when cursing, or casually, such as "Oh my God"? We dishonor God, who gave us life, when we use His name like a four-letter filth word, and Exodus 20:7 warns God will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
4. ***Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.*** The Sabbath was a picture of resting in God, and spending our time to glorify God. ***Whether ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God*** (1Co. 10:31). God wants all our time to be for His glory; do you even give God one day a week? Do you read the Bible?
5. ***Honour thy father and thy mother.*** Have you always obeyed authority, and only done things that would please your parents?
6. ***Thou shalt not kill.*** Murder begins in the heart (Mark 7:21). Jesus said that to be angry without just cause is the same as murder (Mat. 5:22), and the Bible says ***Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer*** (1Jn. 3:15). If you have *ever* hated someone, had wrongful anger, or lost your temper, you're guilty.
7. ***Thou shalt not commit adultery.*** God forbids sex outside of marriage. Jesus also said that whoever looks at somebody with lust in the heart is *already* guilty of adultery (Mat. 5:28). Have you had lustful thoughts (except toward your spouse, if you're married)?
8. ***Thou shalt not steal.*** Have you *ever* stolen something, however small? God sees illegal music downloading and software theft. Have you ever stolen a grade, a test answer, a pen, or company time?
9. ***Thou shalt not bear false witness.*** Have you lied even once, including while taking this test? It takes one murder to be a murderer, and just one lie to become a liar. "White" lies are also lies.
10. ***Thou shalt not covet.*** Have you wanted something that was not yours (jealousy)? Colossians 3:5 says that covetousness is idolatry.

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. -Rev. 21:8

The point is that God's judgment is **extremely** holy and pure.

There is none good but one, that is, God. -Jesus Christ, Mat. 19:17

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. -Rom. 3:10

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
-Rom. 3:23

Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
-Pro. 20:9

The point is that we must realize we're not good enough for Heaven.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. -Heb. 4:13-16

The point is that **Jesus** is good enough.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. -1Pe. 3:18

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. -Rom. 5:6-11

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
-Isa. 53, written about 700 years before Jesus, but speaking of him

The point is that we deserved Hell, and Jesus, though innocent, took all of our punishment, and died so that we could be free.

[God the Father] ***Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*** -Col. 1:13-17

The point is that Jesus is God, and deserves all honor and glory.

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye

seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you." -Mat. 28:1-7

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. -Rev. 5:11-14

The point is that Jesus is not dead! He lived a perfect life, died for our sins, and then rose from the dead, and now he lives forever.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. -Psa. 103:12

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. -Isa. 1:18-20

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. -1Pe. 1:18-21

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. -Jesus Christ, Mat. 28:18

The point is that only Jesus has power to wash our sins away.

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 3:15-18

There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. -Jesus Christ, Luke 13:1-5

And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. -Jesus Christ, John 8:23-24

The point is that God's forgiveness has to be personally received.

How?

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. -Isa. 55:6-7

Repent: Realize that your sins are a crime against God, and choose to love God instead of sinfulness. Humble yourself and turn to God.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.
-Acts 16:31

Believe (trust, have faith):

Believe Jesus was whom he said he was—the divine Son of God.
Believe Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for your sins, and rose from the dead.
Believe Jesus as the salvation of your soul, to save you from **all** your sins past, present, and future, and to save you from Hell.

If you are ready to turn from self to God, and trust in Jesus Christ alone, you can cry out to him in prayer. ***For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*** -Rom 10:13

If you're trusted Christ, realize that he will never leave you. But he does want you to live for him in love. Please contact us for a free study. Attend a solid church and start reading the KJV Bible (2Ti. 3:16). Be baptized (Acts 2:41), pray always (1Th. 5:17; Eph. 6), and **tell others** how they can be made right with God (Jude 22,23).

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The WORST Possible Crime

Murder?
Adultery?
Rape?
Greed?
Theft?
Abortion?
Torturing furry animals?
Eating furry animals?

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What is the worst possible thing a person can do? Most will say "murder"; some may say "rape." Think of the worst possible crime in your mind, and ask yourself—have you ever done it?

You would probably say a sure "**no!**" Surely, anybody who has committed such a crime must be a great sinner before God—not just a sinner, but a great and terrible sinner, deserving of Hell.

We can look to Jesus for wisdom. What did Jesus say was the greatest possible sin, or crime? The answer is in Matthew 22.

Jesus was asked by a lawyer about what the greatest law was: ***Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment*** (Mat. 22:37). Wow! Read that statement again!

What did Jesus say is the first and great commandment? ***Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*** Which commandment is this? The first and great commandment! But if this is the first and great commandment, then what is the first and great **sin**? The greatest crime would be not to keep the greatest commandment. **Have you kept it?** Have you put God first in everything: first in your affections; first in your thoughts; first in your pleasures; first in your business; first in everything? Not to do so is to sin greatly against the very God who gave us life, and who gives us each breath of air. Yet none has loved God above all. Would you admit to having broken this commandment, to love God above all else, and at all times? What commandment, then, have you broken? Surely, you have broken the first and the greatest commandment, **and thus committed the worst possible crime.**

What is the point of all these questions?

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. -Gen. 1:1