

Heaven, NO, Not Everyone is Going
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Text: Matthew 7:21-23

Hell: *“but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of **darkness**,”*
2 Peter 2:4

Heaven: *“There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them **light**. And they shall reign forever and ever.”*
Revelation 22:5

1. Heaven, NO, not everyone who says they are going is going.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven,”
Matthew 7:21a

- Beware of wolves clothed as sheep – Matthew 7:15

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”

- Be observant – Matthew 7:16

“You will know them by their fruits.”

- Be aware – Matthew 7:19

“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire”

2. Heaven, NO one will get there by doing religious things

“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’”
Matthew 7:22

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit” Titus 3:5

3. Heaven, NO one will go unless they personally know Jesus Christ.

Jesus: *“...‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”* Matthew 7:23

Questions:

- How certain are you that if you were to die you would go to heaven?
- How is it possible to have 100% certainty you will go to heaven?
- How close are you to heaven right now?

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.” 1 John 5:13