

“The Requirements of Heaven”

John 8:21-30

I. Sin's Penalty must be _____.

- A. Because we are born with a sin nature that carries a _____.
 - 1. We have all inherited a sin nature. Psalm 51:5, Rom. 5:12
 - 2. We have all willfully chosen to sin. Romans 3:23
- B. Without Christ being our _____ we must bear the wrath of our sin. I John 4:10
 - 1. Sin must be punished because God is just and cannot tolerate sin.
 - Jesus dissolves the myth that we have another opportunity after death to embrace forgiveness of sin. Heb. 9:27, Luke 16:19-31
 - 2. They were so self-righteous that they laughed at the thought of needing Jesus. Matt. 7:22, 9:11-13, Rom. 3:10
- C. Without Christ's sacrifice heaven is not even a _____.
 - 1. We could not come to heaven to heaven came to us in Jesus Christ.
 - We did not come from heaven nor do we have any right or claim to it.
 - 2. We are condemned already by our sin, and cannot escape our sentence without sufficient payment. John 3:18

II. It requires _____

- A. Jesus _____ the Father in everything He did.
 - 1. Good is simply not good enough. James 2:10
 - 2. Christ demonstrated perfection in word, in thought, and in action.
- B. He demonstrates His knowledge of the future as He _____ concerning His death.
 - 1. He had already fulfilled every prophecy said about Him. Matt. 27:51-54
 - 2. He then fulfilled the self-prophecies in the death and resurrection. John 2:18-21
- C. Jesus _____ His perfect obedience at the cross. I Peter 1:18-21

III. It requires personally placing your faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

- A. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies, pictures, performed miracles, and _____ the perfection necessary to be the Messiah. Heb. 4:15
 - 1. Jesus' perfect life separated Him from everyone else in Human history. 2 Cor. 5:21
 - 2. They could not bring a single accusation of sin against Him even though they wanted to. Daniel 6:1-8
- B. Upon understanding the _____ they put their faith in the Work of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Many listening at this point believed (Pistis- A moral conviction of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God, especially reliance upon Christ for salvation) that Christ was the Messiah.
 - 2. Once we understand the identity of Christ it does not take long to glean the requirement for salvation from our sins.
- C. They were _____ by the finished payment of Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:7-8, 13-14
 - 1. Eternal life becomes the immediate possession of the one who trusts in Jesus Christ.
 - 2. Jesus then addresses them concerning their new found freedom. John 3:36