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In our time together let’s consider the most crucial of all questions for each one of us—Will You Be In Hell? I want us to look at a number of practical questions and biblical answers regarding what we are saved from and the nature of God’s salvation program as outlined in His Word, the Bible.

Q-7. Then, where did sin come from?

A. The Bible says that when God created the Universe and the first man and woman (Adam and Eve), He commanded them not to eat of one tree in the Garden of Eden. He told them that if they did, they would die. They were tempted by Satan, the Devil, and did disobey and ate of the fruit of that tree. Then they began to die physically, and immediately died spiritually, and, unless saved, would experience eternal damnation on Judgment Day.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Romans 5:12

...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Hebrews 9:27

Q-8. Let’s suppose I am a sinner, but so is everybody else then. However, I’ve done a lot of good things in my life. Won’t my good deeds balance out my bad behavior, errors, and the mistakes I have made?

A. No. Our problem with God is not just “bad behavior, errors, and mistakes”. Because all men have broken God’s Laws in the Bible repeatedly, all men are sinners. There is no good deed that they can do to impress God. In fact, even what we consider to be “good” God sees as wickedness and disobedience.

...for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. Luke 16:15

1. All people are sinners:

...There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God... there is none that doeth good, no, not one... There is no fear of God before their eyes... For all have sinned...

Romans 3:10–12, 18, 23

2. Not only do men commit sins, but they are considered utterly wicked by God:

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9

3. God’s Word says that our breaking of just one of God’s Laws means that we’ve broken the whole Law.

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. James 2:10

4. All people are sinners from the moment of conception:

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5

5. Even our “good works” are considered wicked by God.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags... Isaiah 64:6

6. When the first man, Adam, sinned the entire human race was plunged into sin because he represented all mankind:

For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners... Romans 5:19

7. All men love their sin:

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:19

Q-9. How can God send all sinners to Hell forever? Some men have never seen a Bible nor heard about Jesus.

A. God has placed the basic knowledge of His existence and power within man as man views this world.

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Romans 1:19–20

God has also given man an awareness of his own sinfulness:

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient, being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who, knowing the Judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Romans 1:28–32

My prayer for you and your loved ones is the same as what I desire for myself and my loved ones—that God might have mercy on us and grant us His salvation from sin and Hell.