

If someone says they believe in Jesus, will they go to Heaven when they die?

- Acknowledging Jesus with the head vs. with the heart
 - John 3:14-18
 - "Believe" means to "stake your life on"
- Not everyone who says Lord, Lord...
 - Matthew 7:21-27
 - Practicing evil-doing / lawlessness
 - Things people practice will be judged by God:
 - Doctrines
 - Conduct to others
 - Carnal traits
 - Words
 - Things that affect others
 - Things that affect themselves
 - Things that affect God
 - The great commandments say to practice love towards God, others, and self
 - Matthew 22:36-40
 - Is love being practiced consistently?
- If a person who says they believe in Jesus continues to practice evil-doing and lawlessness, then they never committed to Jesus in their heart, but only made a mental acknowledgment
- Faith without [love] works is dead; that is, faith is not really faith without manifesting in action
 - James 2:14-26
 - A person is justified not just by their "faith in God", but by their "faith works" in God
- True salvation is via "repentance"; repentance means to turn around and change direction and thinking
 - Acts 2:36-38
 - Luke 24:47 (46-49)
 - The supernatural result of repentance is a circumcised heart
 - Romans 2:29
 - The supernatural result of repentance is a heart of "flesh", not of stone; that is, a supernatural heart of kindness has been given to a person from God
 - Ezekiel 36:26
- A "saved" person (one who has repented in their heart to God and is going to Heaven) follows Jesus' practices. Jesus says, "By your love for one another will all men know you are my disciples."
 - John 13:34-35
 - Biblical love is a heart-changed, sincere, benevolent, and active concern for others
 - Biblical love is defined for us by Christ's example:
 - Unconditional acceptance for the one you love
 - Frank speech to the one you love
 - Willingness to get involved with the problems of the one you love
 - Willingness to lay your life down for the one you love

The "Love Test" is the primary way to know if someone who says "Jesus is Lord" is going to Heaven or not.