

THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.

"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." (John 3:16).

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

God's Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The Good News Is That Jesus Christ Paid for Your Sins.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

You Must Personally Call on Jesus Christ to Save You.

The Bible Says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13).



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Memory Verse - Romans 5:8

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Study Aim

- To discover two conflicting ways of pursuing happiness, purpose, and meaning in life.
- To learn just how extravagant God's love is to us and what His love looks like in our lives.
- Read Luke 15:11-24

Set the Stage

- The parable is about two brothers who reveal:
 - Two different ways to be separated from God and to seek acceptance/favor with God into heaven.
 - Two different ways of life that people pursue personal significance, worth, meaning, happiness, and purpose.

1. Self-discovery

• "I'm going to go out and explore my options and give everything a try."

2. Moral Duty

• "I'm not going to do what I want but what tradition and community wants me to do."

The Parable of the Two Sons Lesson 1

Take it to the Next Level

1. He Roamed Away from the Father.

• He wandered away thinking that he knew better and that the world had more to offer him.

2. He Realized His Personal Condition.

• He wasted his living pursuing life without the Father and hit rock bottom

3. He Returned to the Father.

• He was met by the reckless love of the Father.

Take Your Next Step

- God is waiting for you to return to Him.
 - No matter how bad you may have messed up, how long you have been gone, or what you have done.
 - Will you come back to Him?

- God's love is so recklessly extravagant that we must share it with the world.
 - Will you tell others about Him?

Taking it Further

- Read Romans 8:38-39. What is the emphasis of these two verses? What do these verses tell us about God's love? What is the love of God found in?
- When was a time that you wandered away from God? What does Scripture tell us about coming back to Him? How did He receive you back again?