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*Every person has done wrong. God is perfect and his contract with humanity requires perfection. There isn't even one person who has kept even God's most basic laws: Don't Lie, Don't steal, Don't be jealous, don't anything else before God, etc., so He sent His Son, because . . .*

**Romans 6:<sup>23</sup> Sin pays off with death. But God's gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord. (CEV)**

*Any good judge that believes in real justice knows that wrong must be punished. Because God is perfect and judges against that standard, he will find us guilty and the sentence is eternal death - loneliness, pain, and suffering forever. But God didn't want that because he loved us so he sent His Son as a payment for our wrong. HE WAS PERFECT. He never did anything wrong and really was the only person ever who didn't deserve punishment. He healed people, loved them and taught them to live right. He was put to death as a punishment for us, the ultimate sacrifice for our wrong. And now he calls to us.*

**Revelation 3:<sup>20</sup> Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together. (CEV)**

*Every person can be saved from the punishment we deserve, but God will not force us to do anything. It is a difficult choice, because acknowledging Jesus means living according to his teaching as God helps us. The first step is simple . . .*

**Romans 10:<sup>9</sup> So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. <sup>10</sup> God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others. (CEV)**

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