

SCRATCH ME!

**Scratch
the picture below.**



**If you smell
a Christmas tree,
then ...
You are a
good person!**

Oops! We must have forgotten to put the scent on the picture for you. Actually, if we were all honest, we would have to admit we are not good people. We have all done things wrong. Who among us has never told a lie, been selfish, or taken the credit for something we didn't do? Should I go on? (And even if you are a very good person, you admit that you are not perfect, right?)

Okay, so what's the point, you ask? This is actually a good place to let you know about some good news. Once we accept that we cannot be perfect through our own efforts, then how can we ever be acceptable to whom it matters the most, ... God? How can we ever be fit to live with Him in His perfect heaven? Well, I'm glad you asked. And here is the answer.

You see, we have all done things wrong. This is what the Bible calls sin. And the penalty for sin is eternal separation from God, which results in being sent to a place of eternal torment. Not a very pleasant thought?!

But if God loves us as He says He does, then surely He wants to help us, right? That's right, He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ (who was perfect), to die on the cross to pay for our sins and then raised Him from the dead.

And God asks only one thing of you - for you to receive this wonderful gift of total forgiveness for your sins. You do this by putting your trust in Christ alone—in His work on the cross, not in yourself or your good works or your own goodness or whatever. He asks you to only trust in Christ who died on the cross for your sins and rose from the dead. Then He will give you the perfection needed to live in His perfect heaven.

If you have done this, then your sins are all forgiven, you have eternal life and a guarantee of being with God in heaven forever! What great news that is!!

(You can read this for yourself in the Bible. Find John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, and 1 John 5:13. And for more information, please email us at: info@crossway.info.)

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