

God's Dilemma

If God offers heaven as a gift, then there shouldn't be a problem. We're all good to go. After this life, we are all heaven bound. Or are we?

That God loves us can be seen in the mission of Jesus.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 ESV

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation [appeasement] for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10 ESV

While God is loving and wants to forgive people for the sins they have committed, He is also just and justice requires a penalty.

The soul who sins shall die. Ezekiel 18:20a ESV

Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished, Proverbs 11:21a ESV

"I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Jeremiah 17:10 ESV

For the wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23 ESVa

For other verses dealing with the punishment of sin, see:

https://www.openbible.info/topics/punishment_of_sin

So, we see God's dilemma: He loves us, wants to forgive us, wants a relationship with us – an eternal relationship. And so He offers heaven as a gift.

But He has said that sin will be punished.

So, how has that dilemma been resolved?

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