

FIVE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS



1) Life is short



2) Sin has consequences



3) Death is inevitable



4) Hell is real



5) JESUS CHRIST

is the only way to Heaven

For human beings, what can be more essential than matters of life and death, for who really wants to die? We do everything we can to preserve life and yet so many people deny that there is life beyond this

life to their detriment. Each of the “FIVE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS” are correct and I thought to expand upon them by quoting from the Bible.

Life is short

James 4 (World English Bible)

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow let’s go into this city, and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit.”

14 Whereas you don’t know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.

Note: see also Jas 1:10; Job 7:6; Job 7:7; Job 9:25; Job 9:26; Job 14:1; Job 14:2; Ps 39:5; Ps 89:47; Ps 90:5-7; Ps 102:3; Isa 38:12; 1Pet 1:24; 1Pet 4:7; 1John 2:17

Sin has Consequences

James 1 (WEB)

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God,” for God can’t be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.

14 But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.

Romans 1 (WEB)

20 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse.

21 Because, knowing God, they didn’t glorify him as God, neither gave thanks, but became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 and traded the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves,

25 who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For their women changed the natural function into that which is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another, men doing what is inappropriate with men, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error.

28 Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers,

30 backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, knowing the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 3 (WEB)

23 for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;

Note: see also Rom 3:9; Rom 3:19; Rom 2:1-16; Rom 11:32; Eccl 7:20; Gal 3:22; 1John 1:8-10

Death is inevitable

Genesis 3 (WEB)

1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any animal of the field which Yahweh God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?’”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat,

3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

4 The serpent said to the woman, “You won’t surely die,

5 for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 5 (WEB)

5 All the days that Adam lived were nine hundred thirty years, then he died.

6 Seth lived one hundred five years, and became the father of Enosh.

7 Seth lived after he became the father of Enosh eight hundred seven years, and became the father of sons and daughters.

8 All the days of Seth were nine hundred twelve years, then he died.

9 Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.

10 Enosh lived after he became the father of Kenan, eight hundred fifteen years, and became the father of sons and daughters.

11 All the days of Enosh were nine hundred five years, then he died.

12 Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.

13 Kenan lived after he became the father of Mahalalel eight hundred forty years, and became the father of sons and daughters

14 and all the days of Kenan were nine hundred ten years, then he died.

15 Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.

16 Mahalalel lived after he became the father of Jared eight hundred thirty years, and became the father of sons and daughters.

17 All the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety-five years, then he died.

18 Jared lived one hundred sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.

19 Jared lived after he became the father of Enoch eight hundred years, and became the father of sons and daughters.

20 All the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years, then he died.

21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.

22 Enoch walked with God after he became the father of Methuselah three hundred years, and became the father of sons and daughters.

23 All the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years.

24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

25 Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech.

26 Methuselah lived after he became the father of Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and became the father of sons and daughters.

27 All the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, then he died.

28 Lamech lived one hundred eighty-two years, and became the father of a son,

29 and he named him Noah, saying, “This same will comfort us in our work and in the toil of our hands, because of the ground which Yahweh has cursed.”

30 Lamech lived after he became the father of Noah five hundred ninety-five years, and became the father of sons and daughters.

31 All the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years, then he died.

HELL (Gehenna) is REAL

Matthew 23 (WEB)

33 You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of Gehenna?

Matthew 13 (WEB)

37 He answered them, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,

38 the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the children of the Kingdom; and the darnel weeds are the children of the evil one.

39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

40 As therefore the darnel weeds are gathered up and burned with fire; so will it be at the end of this age.

41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his Kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and those who do iniquity,

42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 10:28 (WEB)

Don't be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Matthew 18 (WEB)

9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the Gehenna of fire.

Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven

John 14 (WEB)

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

1 Corinthians 15 (WEB)

1 Now I declare to you, brothers, the Good News which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold firmly the word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep.

7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

8 and last of all, as to the child born at the wrong time, he appeared to me also.

Note: see also Matt 26:28; Rom 3:25; Rom 4:25; 2Cor 5:21; Gal 1:4; Gal 3:13; Eph 1:7; Eph 5:2 Heb 10:11; Heb 10:12; 1Pet 2:24; 1Pet 3:18; 1John 2:2; Rev 1:5

That life is short and death is inevitable are statements that almost every human being on the planet would agree with, but concerning sin, hell (Gehenna), heaven and Jesus some take issue with.

Everything the chart says is true. I can say this because it is a historical fact that Jesus lived, died and rose again. Don't believe this? There were 500 plus witnesses; that should be enough to satisfy anyone.

Common sense will tell you that if someone shared with you a way to live after this life, you would take it. Read the passages (and the many references if you have time) and take what they say at face value. Really, what have you got to lose? There is hope, because of Jesus!