

# A Guide To the Romans Road

## Introduction

The Bible, the best selling book of all time, is a unique book unlike any other. It's how we learn about God - what He's like and what He expects of us. It's how we learn about true love, forgiveness, and eternal life. It's how we learn what we're really like, and about our need to have our sins forgiven. The *Romans Road* refers to a group of verses often used to relate the good news that our sins can be forgiven, that we can be rescued from the eternal punishment for our sin!

Before we can talk about being rescued, however, we must first understand sin. What does the Bible have to say about sin and its consequences? Turn the page as we start our walk along the *Romans Road*...

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The quiz on sin is based on a concept presented by Ray Comfort.

## **The Bible Says:**

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
– Romans 3:23*

## **What do you think?**

### **What is sin?**

Sin is any action or thought that violates God's commands and instructions as given to us in the Bible. Put simply, sin is any action or thought that is not completely pure and perfect.

### **Who has sinned?**

The Bible says that everyone has sinned.

### **Does that include you and me?**

Yes, it does. The Bible says that both you and I sin, so that makes us sinners.

### **Not convinced that you are a sinner?**

Take this simple test...

1. Has anything or anyone ever been more important to you than God?
2. Have you ever worshipped anyone or anything other than God?
3. Have you ever used the name of God as a curse or without respect?
4. Have you ever worked for seven days in a row, neglecting to take a day of rest?
5. Have you ever disobeyed or failed to honor your parents?
6. Have you ever hated another person, or called some one a fool to hurt his or her feelings?
7. Have you ever engaged in immoral thoughts or actions?
8. Have you ever stolen anything, including time or property that belongs to another?
9. Have you ever lied?
10. Have you ever been greedy or wanted something that belonged to some one else?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you have violated the commandments of God. That means that you have sinned and that you are a sinner.

### **OK, but what's so bad about sin?**

Let's see what the Bible has to say about that...

(You can read more about this test by reading the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 and the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapters 5-7.)

## The Bible Says:

*For the wages of sin is death...*

– Romans 6:23a

*The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

– Ezekiel 18:20 (KJV)

*But your iniquities (intentional sin) have made a separation between you and your God...*

– Isaiah 59:2

## What do you think?

### What is a wage?

A wage is payment that is earned. For instance, your paycheck is a wage that you receive in exchange for your work. You earned the paycheck; it's what you deserve.

### What payment do you and I deserve because of our sin?

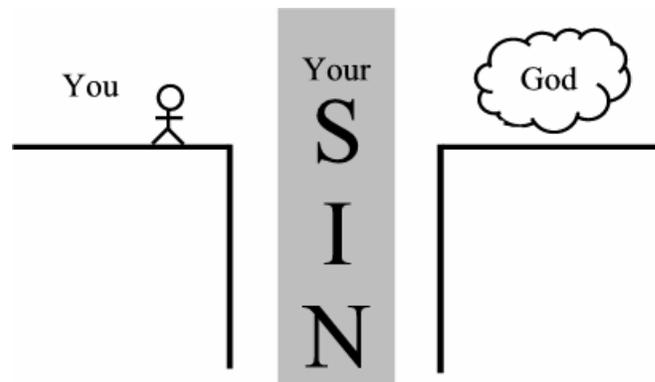
Death.

### Doesn't everybody die sometime?

Yes, one result of sin is that your body will die. But you are more than your body. Another result of sin is the death of your spirit, which separates you from God. God created you and I to live with Him forever, but our sin separates us from him.

### So what's so bad about sin?

It results in death. Because of our sin, our bodies will die. But sin also kills our spirit and results in us being forever separated from God.



### Is there a solution to this problem?

Let's see what the Bible has to say about that...

## The Bible Says:

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

– Romans 5:8

## What do you think?

### Who did God show His love to?

He showed his love to us.

## Does that include you and me?

Yes, it does!

## Did God wait to show His love until we deserved it or were good enough?

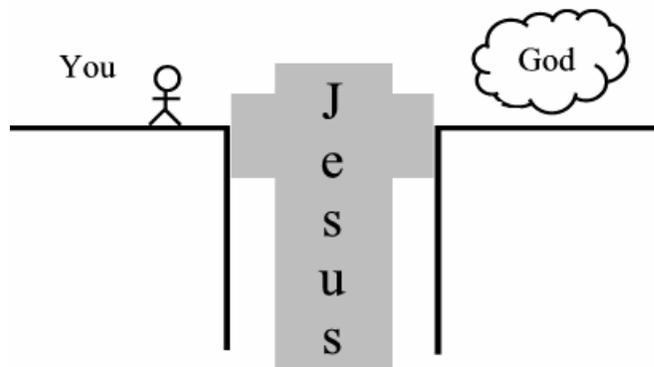
No. He loved us while we were still sinners! We didn't deserve it, but God loved us anyway. This is so important to understand! God loves sinners (like you and me) even when we don't deserve it.

## What did God do to show his love?

Christ died for us. Jesus took the wage that you and I deserve because of our sin. We might say that He accepted the penalty (death) that we deserve.

## Why would He die for you and me?

Because He loves you, and He loves me.



## Since Jesus died for you and me, do we still have to die?

Let's see what the Bible has to say about that...

### The Bible Says:

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
– Romans 6:23*

### What do you think?

#### Remember, what payment do you deserve because of your sin?

Death.

#### But what is God willing to give you instead?

He is willing to give you eternal life! He wants to give life to your dead spirit. Your body may die, but you can live! You can have eternal life.



### **What is eternal life?**

Eternal life means living with God forever and ever, but eternal death means living apart from him in torment forever and ever.

### **Why would God give you this gift?**

Because He loves you! He loved you so much that Jesus Christ died for you!

### **What does this gift cost?**

Nothing! God says that it is a free gift. God paid for this gift by letting His Son Jesus die instead of you. It wouldn't be a gift if you had to pay for it.

### **If God is willing to give you this gift, what should you do?**

Gratefully accept it!

### **How can you accept this free gift?**

Let's see what the Bible has to say about that...

### **The Bible Says:**

*That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*  
– Romans 10:9

*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...*  
– Acts 16:31

### **What do you think?**

#### **What does it mean to confess Jesus as Lord?**

It means to admit that Jesus is God (just like He said He was), and that He has the right of authority in your life, and that you will give Him that authority.

#### **Why is being raised from the dead important?**

Because it reminds us that He died for us, and proves to us that God has the ability to raise us from the dead also.

#### **What does “saved” mean?**

Being saved means being rescued from a perilous situation. You are in danger of receiving the wage (death) that you earned because of your sin. Jesus can save you from that danger. There will still be consequences of your sin, but when you are saved there is no longer eternal punishment because of your sin.

#### **What does it mean to believe in the Lord Jesus?**

It means to believe that Jesus was who He said He was

(God) and that He will do what He has said He will do (forgive you and save you).

### **Is it good enough to just be “a good person?”**

The Bible never says that you are saved by being a good person, by joining a church or by doing good deeds. In fact, the Bible directly tells us that we cannot be saved by our own good works (see Ephesians 2:8-9). It's not what you do; it's who you believe.

### **Are you ready to believe what God says in the Bible?**

Yes? Let's keep reading...

### **The Bible Says:**

*God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*

– 1 Peter 5:5b

### **What do you think?**

Perhaps God Himself is convincing you right now about the truth of the Bible and about your sin. Perhaps He is showing you that you need to repent — express sorrow for your sin and a desire to stop sinning — and believe on Jesus. If so, consider these questions:

### **Will you be humble instead of proud and admit to God that you are a sinner?**

You must admit that you are in danger before you can be saved from it. Part of being humble is admitting when we need help. Only a man who thinks he is in danger of drowning will ask for a life preserver. A proud man won't admit he needs help, but the humble man welcomes help. Be humble and admit to God that you are a sinner and in danger of receiving the wage you deserve.

### **Will you confess that Jesus is Lord?**

A proud man wants to be his own boss, but a humble man accepts direction. Be humble and accept His guidance.

Further, if you say that you believe that Jesus is Lord, then you will also act as if He is Lord. This means that you will try to learn more about what He wants and how he wants you to live, and then obey.

### **Are you willing to let Jesus change your life?**

He wants to help you become more like Himself.

**Do you believe that Jesus died in your place to pay the penalty of your sin?**

He paid your penalty for you.

**Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead as a proof that He is God and that He can do what He promises?**

If God raised Jesus from the dead, then He can raise you too!

**If you answered yes to these questions...**

... then God is ready to save you from the wages that you deserve! There aren't any "magic words" to say. Just talk to Him, admit your sin and believe in Jesus. Trust Him that He will forgive and save you as He has promised.

## **The Bible Says:**

*I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*  
– Luke 15:10

## **What do you think?**

**Is there rejoicing in heaven right now?**

There is if you just repented of your sins and believed in Jesus!

**Jesus said: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15).**

If you have made a decision to believe in Jesus, then it's important that you begin to learn more about Him by reading the Bible. You may want to start by reading the four books called the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**If you're not yet convinced that you need to believe in Jesus...**

... then you can learn more by reading the Bible. The book of John is a good place to start.