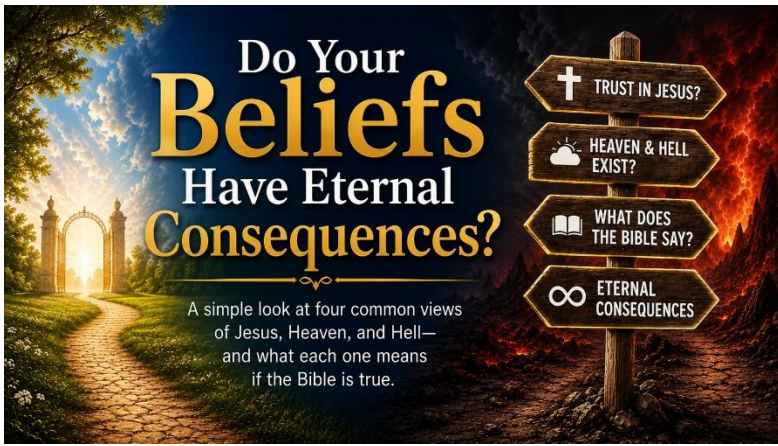


Saturday, 6/6 at 4:00 | Sunday, 6/7 at 9:00

Part 1 of 2



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Introduction

Dear Friend: What is the basis of your beliefs? These are some options:

- **Gut** – it just feels right!
- **Logic** – it just makes sense!
- **Science** – proven through experiments!
- **Facts** – supported by true evidence!
- **Faith** – being sure of God's promises!

We each have our own beliefs but:

- **Are they true?**
- **Are we sure?**
- **Are we willing to stake our eternity on them?**

Please keep reading as I share four easy-to-understand options with you. They were formulated centuries ago by Blaise Pascal – philosopher, mathematician, and physicist.

Explaining the Choices

Pascal identified four basic choices:

- Heaven and Hell are Real.
- Heaven and Hell are **Not Real**.
- I do trust in Jesus for Heaven.
- I **do Not trust** in Jesus for Heaven.

As you examine each option:

- Note the two blocks shaded in blue; *the arrows point to the eternal impact.*
- Identify which option agrees with your own current beliefs: **1 2 3 4**

Option 1

1	Heaven & Hell – NO ↓	Heaven & Hell – YES
Trust in Jesus – NO →	Eternal Impact – <u>None</u>	Eternal Impact – Horrible
Trust in Jesus – YES	Eternal Impact – None	Eternal Impact – Wonderful

Option 2

2	Heaven & Hell – NO ↓	Heaven & Hell – YES
Trust in Jesus – NO	Eternal Impact – None	Eternal Impact – Horrible
Trust in Jesus – YES →	Eternal Impact – <u>None</u>	Eternal Impact – Wonderful

Option 3

3	Heaven & Hell – NO	Heaven & Hell – YES
Trust in Jesus – NO	Eternal Impact – None	Eternal Impact – <u>HORRIBLE</u>
Trust in Jesus – YES	Eternal Impact – None	Eternal Impact – Wonderful

Option 4

4	Heaven & Hell – NO	Heaven & Hell – YES
Trust in Jesus – NO	Eternal Impact – None	Eternal Impact – Horrible
Trust in Jesus – YES	Eternal Impact – None	Eternal Impact – <u>WONDERFUL</u>

Examining the Options

Options 1 and 2:

- Many believe there is no afterlife, that Heaven and Hell do not exist.
- If they are right, they can believe whatever and do whatever without any eternal consequences.

Option 3:

- Most people do not trust in Jesus for their entrance into Heaven.

- **If Heaven and Hell do exist**, they will hear these words from Jesus: “**Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels...**” (Matthew 25:41).

Option 4:

- **Some people do trust** in Jesus for their entrance into Heaven.
- **If Heaven and Hell do exist**, they will hear these words from Jesus: “**Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**” (Matthew 25:34).

From a logical perspective, does it make sense to: 😞 Remain closed to God’s word, 😞 Reject God who made you, 😞 Reject God who loves you, 😞 Reject Jesus who died for you, 😞 Reject God’s gift of eternal life? **NO!**

Next Week – Part 2 of 2:

- What Is True About Everyone
- Why Do Many Reject Jesus
- What Are the Next Steps

Let Us Pray: Father in heaven, we cannot thank You enough for revealing ✦the truth of our sin and ✦Jesus’ work for our salvation *and then gifting us with trust in Jesus for heaven!* For all who are in eternal trouble, *please get their attention soon and transform their lives!*

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