

“What’s It All About?”

Romans 6:23

INTRODUCTION: 3 questions for your head and 2 for your heart . . .

I. HEAVEN

- A. A free gift (Romans 6:23)
- B. Not earned or deserved (Ephesians 2:8)
 - a 1972 study of Lutherans: **40%** “works righteousness” (better or worse today?)

II. MAN

- A. A sinner (Romans 3:23)
 - 3 sins per day – over 80,000 in a lifetime
- B. Cannot save himself (Proverbs 14:12)
 - “saving myself” is a common teaching of all non-Christian religions
 - scrambled eggs with one rotten egg

III. GOD

- A. Is merciful (Jeremiah 31:3)
- B. Is just (Exodus 34:7)

IV. JESUS CHRIST

- A. Who He is (John 1:1-2, 14; 20:28; Mark 4:35-41)
- B. What He did
 - record book of sins (Isaiah 53:6)
 - tetelastai (John 19:30)
 - **G-R-A-C-E**

V. FAITH

- A. What it is not: our decision or intellectual assent (James 2:19)
- B. What it is: the work of God producing trust in what Christ has done (Ephesians 2:8)
 - the lamb looking into the eyes of the shepherd who is already carrying him.

CONCLUSION: 3 answers for your head & 2 for your heart . . .
all found in Romans 6:23!

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