

TRICK or TREAT



Each Halloween the phrase "TRICK OR TREAT!" is shouted by cute costumed kids just like you to help them get lots of free candy from their neighbors. But believe it or not, candy isn't all that matters. Some things are much more important than candy, such as **life**, **love**, and **knowing the truth**. My best **TREAT** or gift for you is to let you know about the **BEST TREAT** in the whole world.

I'll begin by telling you about the meaning of these two words: **TRICK** or **TREAT**. We find many examples of these throughout our lives. In fact, nearly every day somebody is **TRICKED**, and another is **TREATED**. To be the victim of a **TRICK** means "to be fooled, taken advantage of, or hurt in some way." But to be offered a **TREAT** means "to be given a truly good gift."

You must learn that the only way to avoid a **TRICK** is to know the **TRUTH** so that you won't be fooled and hurt. That is why the **TRUTH** is sweeter than honey or candy! For example, someone may **TRICK** you by taking away your bicycle. But by knowing the **TRUTH** about who took it and where they put it, it can be quickly returned to you. A **TREAT** indeed!

There are many **IDEAS** taught in the world today that are actually **TRICKS**. I List 10 of them below. And so you won't be fooled, I'll also give you the **TRUTH** so that you won't be hurt or deceived by **ANY** of them. This is the very best **TREAT** that I can offer you on this **TRICK** or **TREATING** day. The Bible (God's Word) tells the **TRUTH**, and gives us the answers to the following **TRICKS**.

TRICK #1 - THERE IS NO GOD.

The **TRUTH** - "The fool has said in his heart 'there is no God.'" Psalm 14:1
TRICK #2 - OUR WORLD AS WE SEE IT HAS ALWAYS EXISTED.
The **TRUTH** - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

TRICK #10 - THERE IS NO WAY A PERSON CAN BE SURE OF GOING TO HEAVEN, even if it is real.

The **TRUTH** - Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Me." John 14:6 "To all who received Him [Jesus], He gave the right to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12

His name, **JESUS**, means "**GOD'S CHOSEN AND ANOINTED KING**." If you believe that He [Jesus] died on the cross as payment for all your sins (past, present and future) and turn away from sin, and invite **Jesus Christ** to live in your heart, you will be saved and become a member of God's eternal family. The best **TREAT** ever!

Do you want to become a child of God—a changed person, right now, and have all your sins forgiven? You can pray a prayer (such as this) aloud and from your heart.

Dear Jesus, Thank You for dying on the cross to pay for all my sins. I admit that I am a sinner and have done bad things. Come into my heart and take away all my sins. Make me a new person, just like You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God's many Bible promises are your assurance that He has heard and answered your prayer. He is now living in your heart, and you will live with Him forever! For example, Jesus said: "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him and he with Me." Revelation 3:20

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TRICK #3 - HUMAN BEINGS EVOLVED FROM APES.
The **TRUTH** - "God created and formed man out of the dust of the ground." Genesis 2:7
TRICK #4 - THERE IS NO SIN.
The **TRUTH** - "Everyone has sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
Lying, stealing, killing, envy, witchcraft, and the wrongful use of sex are all sins.
TRICK #5 - THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR SIN.
The **TRUTH** - "The payment for sin is death." Romans 6:23
TRICK #6 - THERE IS NO AFTERLIFE - Heaven or Hell.
The **TRUTH** - "It is appointed for man once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27

TRICK #7 - ONLY BAD PEOPLE WILL GO TO HELL, if there is one.
The **TRUTH** - "There is NONE righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10

TRICK #8 - IF WE ARE GOOD ENOUGH WE CAN WORK OUR WAY TO HEAVEN.
The **TRUTH** - "Unless you are born again, you can never get into the kingdom of God." John 3:3 Jesus explained that this is a spiritual new birth that makes us right with God, not a second human birth.

Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of all people. Anyone who will believe and receive the free gift of God's grace will be forgiven and become a friend of God.