

So the choice is to let Jesus **pay for your sins** or try to **pay the debt yourself**.

Choose wisely!

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What Will Eternity Look Like

The last thing we will look at briefly is how the Bible describes these eternal destinations.

The *good fool's* eternity:

*“And God shall **wipe away all tears** from their eyes; and there shall be **no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain**: for the former things are passed away.”*
(Revelation 21:4)

*“And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, (11) **Having the glory of God**: and her **light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal**;”*
(Revelation 21:10-11)

*“And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the **street of the city was pure gold**, as it were transparent glass.”* (Revelation 21:21)

The *bad fool's* eternity:

*“And the smoke of their **torment ascendeth up for ever and ever**: and they **have no rest** day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”* (Revelation 14:11)

*“And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in **torments**, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (24) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented in this flame**.”* (Luke 16:23-24)

*“The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall **dwel with the devouring fire**? who among us shall **dwel with everlasting burnings**?”*
(Isaiah 33:14)



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*“For ye suffer **fools** gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise.”* (2 Corinthians 11:19)

*“Are ye so **foolish**? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”* (Galatians 3:3)

*“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish **foolishness**; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”*
(1 Corinthians 1:18)

*“The **fool** hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”* (Psalm 14:1)

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What Me? A Fool?

As evidenced in the four Scriptures quoted above, the Bible has much to say about fools and foolishness. However, it is also apparent that the Word of God addresses the concept of folly in many different ways.

To answer the question “Am I a fool?” ... *I hope so, and I hope not!*

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The truth is, we will all be **fools** in eternity. It is just a matter of what kind of fool you will choose to be.

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## Good Fools

What makes a “good fool” good? **Receiving Jesus!**

1 Corinthians 1:18 (quoted above) tells us that preaching Jesus is **foolish** according to those who are dying in their sin. But, conversely, to the saved, it is the **power of God**.

One thing that we must be aware of is who is defining the word “fool.” Preaching Jesus is foolish, according to **ungodly sinners**. **Believers** know that the message of the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*  
(Romans 1:16)

Logically and humanistically, it is foolish to believe that God the Son (one member of the Trinity) became a man, lived a sinless life, and died for the sins of sinful people.

From the perspective of unregenerate humanity, foolishness is a suitable

description. Praise God that He doesn’t think as we do.

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. (9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* (Isaiah 55:8-9)

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Bad Fools

What makes a “bad fool” bad? **Rejecting Jesus!**

Look at Psalm 14:1 (quoted above) and compare it with this following Psalm.

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.”
(Psalm 53:1)

Isn’t it interesting that these two verses are nearly identical? Did the Psalmist forget that he had said that before? Or is it more likely that the Holy Spirit wanted to repeat the fact that atheists are fools?

In this instance of the use of the word fool, God provides the definition. Therefore, it is God Who is saying that atheists are fools.

The worst part is that everyone knows God exists! God says that He has revealed Himself to them.

*“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for **God hath showed it unto***

them.** (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world **are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that **they are without excuse:* (21) Because that, **when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) Professing themselves to be wise, **they became fools,**”***
(Romans 1:19-22)

Therefore, bad fools are those who **know** God exists and willfully **choose** to reject Him.

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## Eternal Fools

How will you *foolishly* spend eternity?

The choice is yours, but the method is God’s.

To choose the path of the *bad fool*, all you need to do is...**nothing**. That is correct. You can be the noblest, most generous, and most reputable individual, but if you have not received Jesus as your Savior...you are a fool.

But as a good fool, entrance into eternity **requires** only one thing... **faith in Jesus** and His sacrifice for your sins.

It is a simple concept. God is **Holy**. Sin must be **judged** and **penalized**. Jesus **died** to **pay the price** for our sin.