

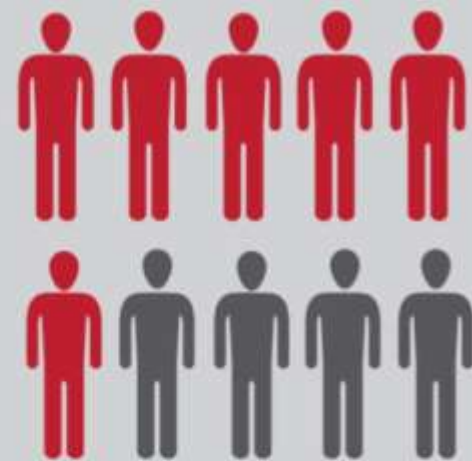
Grace, Faith and Works

How Do They Fit Together?

American Theological Views: **Heaven & Hell**

<i>Percent who agree with these statements:</i>	Heaven is a real place.	There are many ways to heaven.
Americans	67%	45%
Black Protestants	88%	33%
Catholics	75%	67%
Evangelicals	90%	19%
Mainline Protestants	67%	55%
Non-Christians	37%	47%

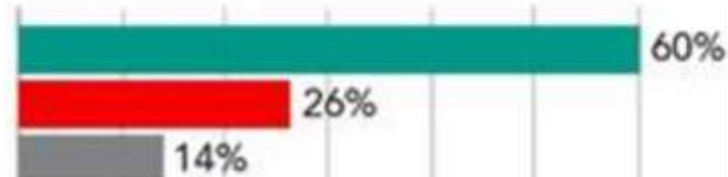
6 in 10 Americans say hell is a real place.



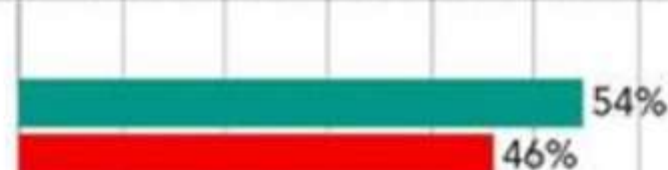
American Theological Views: **THE AFTERLIFE**

AGREE DISAGREE NOT SURE

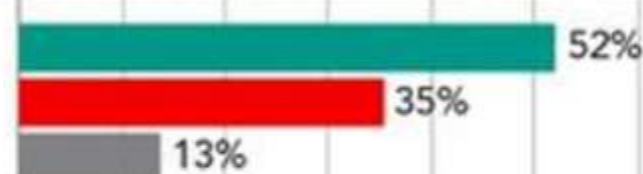
Heaven is a place where all people will ultimately be reunited with their loved ones.



Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation.



By the good deeds I do, I partly contribute to earning my place in heaven.



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HELL:

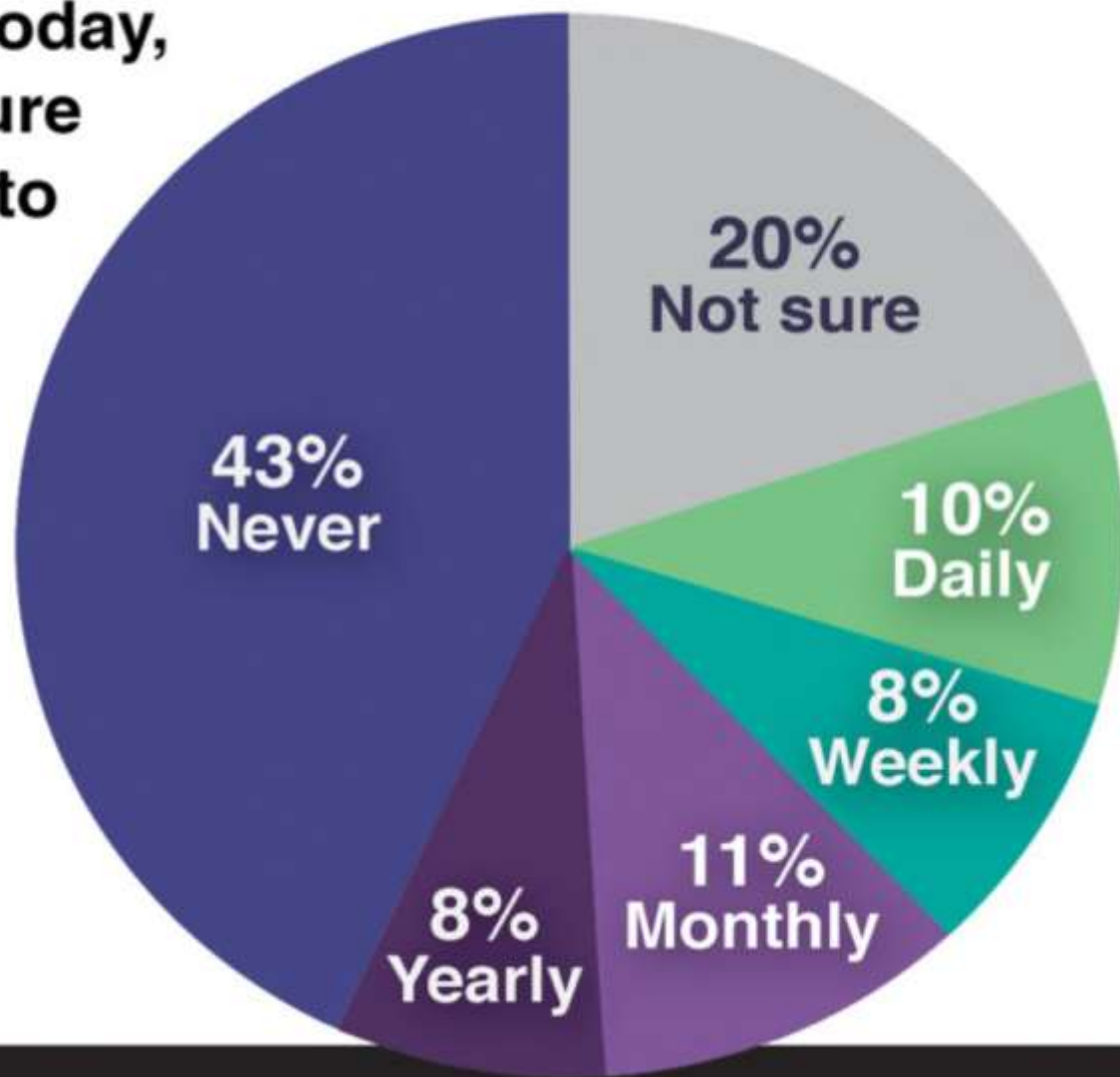
Hell is an eternal place of judgment where God sends all people who do not personally trust in Jesus Christ.

40% agree

Among Unchurched Americans

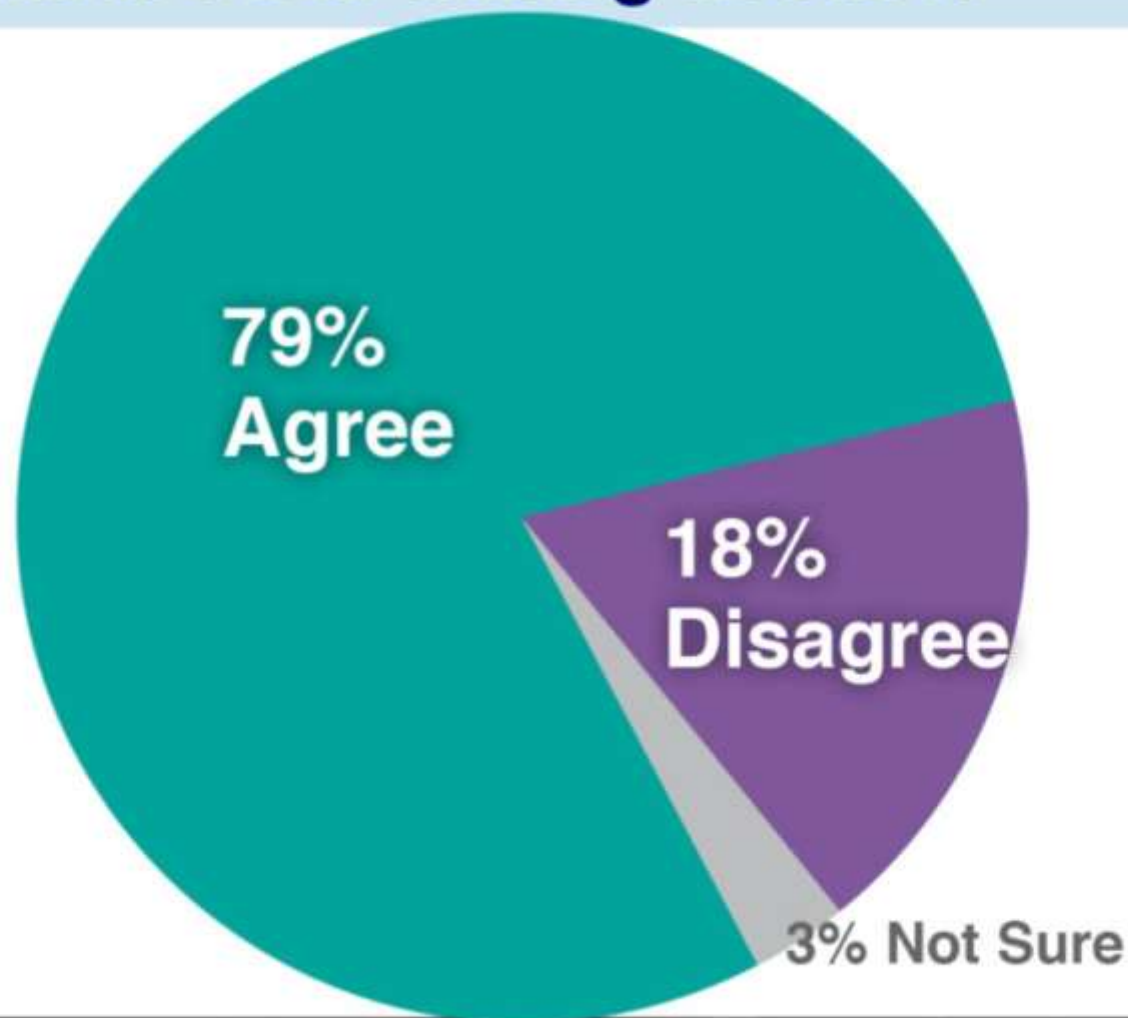
How often do you wonder:

**“If I were to die today,
do I know for sure
that I would go to
heaven?”**



Among Unchurched Americans

**If a friend of mine really values their faith,
I don't mind them talking about it.**



We are saved by Grace.

Romans 8:29–30 –

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

We are saved by Grace.

Case Study: Abraham

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 -

6 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Case Study: Abraham

**We are saved by
Grace through Faith.**

Ephesians 2:8-9 – 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Romans 1:5 – Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

**We are saved by
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Case Study: Abraham

Romans 4:1–9 –

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Case Study: Abraham

Romans 4:1–9 –

6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: 7 "blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. 8 "blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account." 9 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness."

Case Study: Abraham

**Our faith is shown
by our actions.**

Case Study: Abraham

James 2:14-26 –

14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. 18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

Case Study: Abraham

How Will I Respond?