

2 WAYS TO LIVE FOREVER:

1 WAY WORKS! 1 WAY DOES NOT WORK.

Option #1 = Do Good & Live Forever

Genesis 4:5, 7

Jesus said, "Do you want to live forever? You must obey God's commands."

Matthew 19:17

Creator God said, "Obey my commands. And you will live."

Leviticus 18:5

4:5 Creator God was not happy with Cain. 7 God said to Cain, "Do what is right – and I will accept you. You must rule over sin – you must control sin."

This is Option #1.

Did Cain follow Option #1?

Did Cain do good?

Cain belonged to Satan – and he killed his brother.

1 John 3:12

Can anyone follow Option #1?

23 Everyone sins. So no one can reach God's glory. 20 So trying to obey God's commands will not help you. God will never say: You obeyed God's commands, so you are good.

Romans 3:23, 20

10 No one is good – not one person is good. 12 We have all turned away from God.

Romans 3:10, 12

I was sinful when I was born – I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

Psalms 51:5 or 7

Everyone dies, because everyone sins.

Romans 5:12

[Sin = bad thoughts, bad words, bad actions – and not obeying God]

Option #2 = Believe God & Live Forever

Genesis 4:4

[faith = believe]

A good person has faith in God, so he lives forever.

Habakkuk 2:4

Goodness comes from God. God makes us good because we believe.

Romans 1:17

Who makes us good?
What must we do?

4:4 God was happy with Abel – and God was happy with Abel's offering.

Abel had faith in God – he believed God – so Abel gave God a good offering. God was happy with Abel – and God called Abel a good man, because he had faith.

Hebrews 11:4

Do you have no faith? Then, you cannot make God happy.

Hebrews 11:6

Why must we have faith? Because...

Obeying God comes from faith.

Romans 1:5

Why did God call Abel a good man?
Why did Abel offer a good sacrifice?

FAITH —> OBEY GOD & DO GOOD

Which comes first: Obeying God – doing good?
Or believing God?

WAS OPTION #1 SUCCESSFUL AFTER CAIN & ABEL?Option #1 = Do Good & Live Forever**About 1,500 years after Abel**

Genesis 6:1, 5-7, 11, 17

1More and more people were living on the earth. 5And God saw that people were very bad. People only thought about bad things all the time. 11And the earth was corrupt and full of violence. 6God was sad that he had made people – God was sad that he had put people on the earth – and his heart was filled with pain. 7So God said, “I will wipe people from the earth – I will wipe out people and animals and birds – because I am sad that I made them. 17I will bring a big flood on the earth – and I will destroy all living things.”

How does God feel, when we sin?