

Rs homework:

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Statement: The Afterlife is a good way to get people to behave themselves and help others

Agreeing paragraphs:

I agree with this because it makes people feel they have consequences for what they do. As said in 2 Corinthians "for all of must appear before Christ, to be judged by him. We will each receive what we deserve". This shows Christians that they need to work to reach salvation and do what god asks of them. Doing good and helping others (as said in the Sermon on the Mount) will get you into heaven where you "can no longer die" and "there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain". This idea appeals to most people. However if you do what god does not ask of you then you will go to hell where "their place will be in the fiery lake of sulphur". The idea of doing this for all eternity is very unappealing and scary to most people who would therefore obey the rules god has laid down such as in the 10 commandments and in the parable of the sheep and the goats. Thus this makes people much better as they follow rules and are kinder to each other.

It also makes people assist and help each other. As said in the Sermon on the Mount "those who are humbler, they will receive what god promised". This shows to many christens that to go to heaven you must be helpful to others. Another line showing this is "and the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." This again shows us that to achieve the afterlife you need to help each other thus making you a better person.

Disagreeing paragraphs:

I disagree with this because you do not technically have to work to get into heaven. You can get grace where god out of his love gives you salvation even though you may not have done anything to earn it and if god is omnibenevolent there should be no need to do that. Also as said in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This quote shows us that you do not need to behave properly and all you need to do is believe in Jesus. This shows us that the afterlife will only make people believe in Jesus but not to be a good person or to help others.

Another thing is how you "behave for god". In Matthew it says ³⁷ "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." In this it says that does who care more about their parents then Jesus will go to hell because they do not follow Jesus and instead care for their parents. This presents to people a problem. If you are supposed to (as said in the 10 commandments) "Honour your father and your mother." Then how are you supposed to do that and follow Jesus to achieve the afterlife? Also to betray your parents after caring you for many years is a terrible thing but apparently its fine because you are following Jesus. This way to achieve the afterlife by behaving god's commands might not be the kindest thing for everybody to do.