

# Tickets To Paradise



The scenery is so lush and beautiful, and the climate so mild in the Hawaiian Islands that they are sometimes referred to as “Paradise”. Recently a new company, Johnson Airways, advertised shockingly a low rate to Hawaii of \$89 dollars for a one-way ticket from Los Angeles. The price was the lowest of all the bargain rates, almost too good to be true. Customers began snapping up the tickets. Purchasing the tickets was a painless procedure on the internet. Customers entered in their credit

card numbers, and selected the flight they wanted from the airline schedule. In return they received their e-tickets.

The only problem was that Johnson Airways was the scheme of a college business student who set up a very attractive website in order to scam the money of unwary customers. Johnson Airways didn’t possess a single aircraft much less a fleet that it would have been required to make the scheduled flights. The young man who developed the web-site and collected the money was later arrested by police for fraud, and he will probably spend a considerable time in jail. Many of the customers who bought tickets were unable to recoup their losses.



Hawaii is a beautiful place but it is not paradise on earth. Even in Hawaii widely renowned for beauty and easy living, there is sorrow, tears and death. Only in heaven’s paradise will these things never be allowed to enter. Heaven is a place of pure love, light, joy, and life where any sorrow will never come. The joys of heaven come from

knowing and loving God, and seeing him as He is. These joys are so great that they are impossible to describe with words. God wants every man to be there and enjoy his goodness for eternity.

The only problem is sin. Sin effectively bars a person from heaven. If they remain in their sins they will never know its joys. This is a problem indeed. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." To deal with this problem, God sent his Son into the world. At the cross the Lord Jesus gave his life to do away with the problem of sin forever. **"There is one God and one mediator between men and God, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom of all to be testified of in due time."** The Lord



Jesus stood in the gap between a holy God and sinful men. The ransom he gave was his life on the cross. Because of that ransom every person who believes on the Lord Jesus will have their sins forgiven and will be made fit to enter into God's presence. **"The wages of sin is death,"** the Bible says, **"but the gift of God is eternal life."** To make it into the glories of heaven a person must receive the gift of eternal life by believing on the Lord Jesus.

Today, many people have bought into the concept that man is not a sinner, and that everything will be all right with their souls if they never come to Christ. Don't believe it. The only way of salvation is through faith in Christ. Every other way of salvation is a hoax, fraud, and scam perpetuated by fallen man. **"Cease ye from man whose breath is in nostrils for wherein is he to be accounted of."** Don't be taken in by any false schemes, for if you die apart from Christ, you will never be able to recoup your losses, but you will spend eternity banished to hell from His presence.

God very much desires you to be saved. Won't you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and receive the gift of eternal life he offers?