

Are **YOU** Ready to Die?

Whether we like it or not, whether we want to admit it or not, **ALL** human beings will experience what we call death. This is not a question of if; it is a matter of when and how soon. “And as it is appointed unto men once to die,” {Hebrews 9:27} Cemeteries the world over testifies to this as an undisputable fact!

Another undisputable fact is that many, so many people passed into eternity when they least expected it. God’s word, the Bible, reminds us that, “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” {James 4:14} “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:” {1 Peter 1:24} The question that remains is, what happens next? The remainder of the verse from Hebrews (27:9 says, “but after this the judgment:” Now the question begs to be asked, “Are **YOU** Ready to Die?”

When people die their eternal soul goes to one of two places: the places the Bible calls Heaven and hell. There is not any place in between as some religions teach. The only people who go to Heaven are those who have repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour. Speaking to a religious man Jesus said, “...Except a man be born again [*to be saved*], he cannot see the kingdom of God.” {John 3:3} The only way a person will enter the kingdom of God [*Heaven*] is by repenting of sin and trusting Jesus Christ as Saviour. **All** were born with a sin nature. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” {Romans 3:23} and unless they repent, they will perish. From the mouth of Jesus come these words, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” {Luke 13:3, 5} The whole purpose of Jesus coming to this world in the form of human man was to die on the Cross of Calvary. “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” {John 3:17} “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” {Luke 19:10} When He shed His innocent blood and died on Calvary, the sin debt of humanity was forever paid. “Who his own self [*Jesus*] bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” {2 Peter 2:24} Make no mistake about it, it was the death AND the blood of Jesus that redeems a lost sinner from the slave market of sin. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” {1 Peter 1:18-19} After His death on Calvary, Jesus was buried and three days later He physically rose from the grave; He is now in Heaven with God the Father. “Who [*Jesus*] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” {Romans 4:25} “But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;” {Hebrews 10:12}

As a result of what Jesus did on the Cross of Calvary, **ALL** who repent of sin and call on Him for forgiveness are forgiven and saved; none who do this are rejected! “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} All of this is made possible because of His amazing love! “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” {John 3:16}

Earlier the question was asked, “Are **YOU** Ready to Die?” If you have not repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour, then you are not ready to die. Why? Because if you die without having trusted Him as Saviour, then you will not go to Heaven; you will go to hell. Only those who are written in God’s Book of Life enter Heaven. “And there shall in no wise enter into it [*Heaven*] any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” {Revelation 21:27} For those who are not in the Book of Life there is but one conclusion. “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” {Revelation 20:15}

Friend, are **YOU** Ready to Die? Please, this is serious business and something not to ignore. “All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.” {Ecclesiastes 3:20} For those who know Jesus Christ as Saviour, we have this promise from God’s Word, “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” {2 Corinthians 5:8} For those who do not know Him as Saviour, “. . . he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” {John 3:36}

Once again, the question is asked, are **YOU** Ready to Die?

~Richard A. Ciarrocca/Feb. 2021