

Do You Know?

If you were to die next week, do you **KNOW** today, **RIGHT NOW**, where you will spend eternity? The graveyard is a grim testimony to the fact that, sooner or later, our physical life on this earth will come to an end. How soon our earthly pilgrimage will end, none of us know for sure, but this one thing we do know is that it will. Some depart this life at an early age while others live to a ripe, old age. For some, life is abruptly ended because of illness, a drug overdose, accident, war, a stray bullet; whatever the cause, is not so much important as is the question, "If you were to die next week, do you **KNOW** today, **RIGHT NOW**, where you will spend eternity?"

Whether or not a person believes in God, His Word still says "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}. This applies even to an atheist or so-called agnostic, the wealthy or poor, the educated or uneducated, famous or infamous, or the unknown. Did you know that, according to God's Word, you can know **TODAY** where you will spend eternity when you leave this earthly life? That's right my friend; the answer is in the Bible, God's Word that is forever settled in Heaven. "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." {Psalm 119:89} I will be brief so, **PLEASE**, read on.

ALL of mankind is born with a sinful nature and out of that nature, various sins of differing kinds are committed, from a simple, so-called "white lie" to the vilest sin imaginable. This all started with Adam in the Garden of Eden when he disobeyed God; since then, **ALL** of mankind has been born a sinner. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" {Romans 5:12} **ALL** of us need to be saved, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" {Romans 3:23} and the penalty is death, "For the wages of sin is death;" {Romans 6:23a}

The Bible speaks of two places where a person may spend eternity; a place called hell and a place called Heaven. Hell is where the fallen angels are today "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;" {2 Peter 2:4} and where every unsaved person will go unless they are saved. The **ONLY** way to escape this is by repenting of sin and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. Jesus Christ, God's only Son left Heaven's glory and took to Himself the form of man so that He could die on the Cross of Calvary to pay our sin debt. Why would He do this for us? Because of His great love for us! **PLEASE** read these Bible verses: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." {John 3:16-17} "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." {John 3:36} "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." {Romans 6:23b} "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} When Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary, it was with His precious, incorruptible blood that He redeemed us, "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 18-19} ". . . and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." {1 John 1:7}

If you were to die next week, next month, next year or whenever, you can **KNOW** today where you will spend eternity. What do you **NEED** to do? Repent of your sin and by faith alone in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, receive Him in your heart as your personal Saviour. He has promised to forgive and save you if you will do this; for God's Word says, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {1 John 5:11-13} God will forgive and save you, but then you will have the responsibility to live your life in a way that brings honor and glory to Him. That is why it is important to faithfully attend a good Bible-preaching, Bible-believing church where you can be spiritually fed from God's Word, to daily read His Word for growth and encouragement, and to come before His throne of grace daily in prayer for help in time of need.

Do you want to know today where you will spend eternity if you were to die next week? Then right now, repent of your sin and by faith alone in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, receive Him as your Lord and Saviour. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." {Romans 10:13}