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“If You Were To Die Today, Would You Go To Heaven?” □

If you were to die today do you know for certain, without a doubt, that you would go to heaven and be with the Lord forever? Jesus says, *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”* (Matthew 6:33). Our number one priority in this life must be to go to heaven. Nothing is as important as this. We cannot afford to miss Heaven.

Our Lord tells us in Matthew 7:13-14 that only few people will go to Heaven, but the vast majority will be eternally lost in the burning fires of Hell. This is not a pleasant thought. But all of us will make the choice as to where we will spend eternity. The only way, to even grasp how long eternity will be, is to think that after we have been in Heaven or Hell a billion years, eternity will have just begun.

Our soul is the most

precious thing we possess.

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26).

Our soul is worth more than the whole world put together. If we lose our soul in Hell, we lose it all.

Jesus wants us to pay attention to what He is trying to tell us. He says in Matthew 13:41-43, *“The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom (the church, that’s us) all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”* Our Lord is trying to warn us if we will only listen. He has already paid the awful price for our salvation and He doesn’t want to see it wasted.

For a child of God, sin in our life will keep us out of Heaven. Because of unrepented sins, our name will be taken out of God’s

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Book of Life. Revelation 22:19 says, *“God shall take away his part from the Book of Life and from the holy city.”* Has your name been taken out of God’s Book of Life? If it has then this is a very serious matter. Revelation 20:15, *“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”* God wants to forgive us. As a Christian, how do we get our name put back into the Book of Life? *“If we*

confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Jesus has promised, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of Life" (Revelation 2:10).

If you are not a Christian, how do you get your name into God's Book of Life, so you can be saved and go to Heaven? Our Lord says in Luke 13:3, *"Except you repent you will all likewise perish."* Jesus also says, *"Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will confess before My Father who is in Heaven" (Matthew 10:32). Our Lord then tells us, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). If a person misses Heaven, he will only have himself to blame.*

Are You Ready?

According to our Lord, the vast majority of people are not ready for the Judgment and will be lost forever in eternity, but only a few are ready to go to Heaven (Matthew 7:13-14). We are told in Amos 4:12 to *"Prepare to meet your God"*. We have two appointments that have already been made for each of us and which we will definitely keep. Hebrews 9:27 says, *"It is appointed unto man once to die, but*

after this the Judgment." These appointments cannot be canceled.

We don't know when that day will come, so we must always be ready. 2 Peter 3:10-11 says, *"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up...Since all these things will be dissolved what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness."*

The Judgment will happen when the Lord comes again. No one will be exempt. *"For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10). If we are not ready, it will be too late to try to get ready when we are standing before the Lord in Judgment. Our eternal fate is sealed either when we draw our last breath or if the Lord comes before we die, and we don't know when this is going to happen. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 says, "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the*

presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

Sadly the vast majority of people will be horrified when they hear *"Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). Those who are lost in Hell will only have themselves to blame. Again, is your name in God's Book of Life? If it is not then, "Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15). How do we make sure our name is in the Book of Life? Jesus says "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven" (Matthew 7:21). But then Jesus says that we must "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). We must do God's will and continue to do His will if we expect to go to Heaven. Are you ready for the Judgment? If not, then why not?*

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