

11: Key Facts About Jesus!

- Who He Is: The Son of God ([Mark 1:1](#)).
- How He Lived: He was tempted in every way as we are, *but He never sinned* ([Hebrews 4:15](#)).
- What He Received on Good Friday: All sins ([Isaiah 53:6](#)) and all eternal punishment ([1 John 2:2](#)).
- Why He Died for Us Sinners: To bring us to God ([1 Pe. 3:18](#)).
- How God Showed Jesus' Victory: He raised Him up ([Acts 2:23-24](#)).

12: Is Jesus the Only Way?

- Jesus said: [John 14:6](#) "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father [in heaven ([Mt. 6:9](#))] but through Me."
- Regarding Jesus: [Acts 4:12](#) "...there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

13: What Kind of Faith Saves?

- Not this kind: [James 2:17](#) "Even so faith [falsely claiming faith], if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself."
- Notice the difference: [Rom. 4:4-5](#) "Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as **what is due**. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith is credited as righteousness...**"

14: Can Good Works Help Us?

- Faith and works MUST be kept separate: [Romans 3:28](#) "...we maintain that a man is justified by faith **apart** from works of the Law."
- Adding our works to Jesus' work is extremely negative: [Gal. 5:4](#) "You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law [by adding your work to His]; you have fallen from grace."
- Notice the basis upon which we are saved: [Titus 3:5](#) "[God] saved us, **not** on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, **but** according to His mercy..."

15: How We Are Saved!

God works through baptism ([Acts 2:38-39](#)) and the Bible ([1 Peter 1:23](#)) to save us!

- God shows us our lost condition and makes us sorry for our sins: [2 Cor. 7:10](#) "...the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation..."
- God gives us His righteousness in Christ: [2 Cor. 5:21](#) "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, **so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**"
- God gives assurance: [1 John 5:13](#) "These things I have written to you **who believe in the name of the Son of God**, so that you may **know** that you have eternal life."

16: How We Live as Disciples!

- Growing through God's word: [Acts 20:32](#) "...I commend you to... the word of His grace, which is able to build you up..." // [Daily Devotion](#)
- Receiving God's gifts: [Hebrews 10:25](#) "...**not** forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some..." // Be faithful, blessed!
- Living for Christ: [2 Corinthians 5:15](#) "...He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."
- Supporting God's work: [Proverbs 3:9-10](#) "**Honor** the LORD from your **wealth** And from the **first** of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine."

Conclusion

When we are ready to die, *then we are ready to fully live with peace and joy!*

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What If You Died Today?

Introduction

Dear Friend: For most of us, we are focused on the here and now, **but please let me remind you that eternity is coming for everyone**. God has made it clear in His word that some will be with Him in eternal bliss, while others will be apart from Him in eternal agony.

Even though we have all ♦inherited sin ([Rom. 5:12](#)) and ♦committed our own ([Rom. 3:23](#)), *God has provided a way for everyone to be with Him in eternal bliss*☺.

This brochure is based on God's word. If you are uncertain about the reliability of the Bible: Please [watch my 2-part sermon series](#) or read this brochure: [The Bible Is True](#)

Please keep reading to ♦learn God's truth, ♦be sure of heaven, and ♦live with peace!

1: Deception Is Common!

- **Proverbs 14:12** “There is a way [to heaven] which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” // Many are in that category! Are you? Are you sure?
- **Matthew 7:13** “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.” // Why did they enter? They were deceived, they thought it led to heaven!

2: Our Lives on Earth!

Each person is **body** [σῶμα], **soul** [ψυχή], and **spirit** [πνεῦμα] (1 Thessalonians 5:23):

- **Body** – physical part.
- **Soul** – me, who I am.
- **Spirit** – part connecting me to God.

3: The Moment We Die!

Each soul and spirit will immediately be ✦with God in comfort or ✦apart from God in agony (Lk. 16:22-23) – and there are no second chances! Therefore, it is critical now to know God’s truth and be set free!

4: We are All Going to Die!

Since Adam and Eve Fell Into Sin: *Death has been in the world* (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:1-7). The Oldest Person Alive: A woman living in Brazil is **116** years old. Why will she die? Because “...the wages of sin is death...” (Rom. 6:23). When we work, we earn a

paycheck; when we sin, we earn physical death and eternal punishment.

On Average, How Many People Die? **100** every minute, **6,000** every hour, **150,000** every day, **4.6 million** every month, and **56 million** every year!

5: What Is Your Situation?

1. **Will you be welcomed into heaven?** Yes No
2. **Why will you be welcomed into heaven?** Circle all your answers:
 - a. I did my best to keep the Ten Commandments.
 - b. I faithfully attended church.
 - c. I helped needy people.
 - d. I gave 10% of my income.
 - e. I tried to follow the Bible and believed in Jesus.
 - f. I trusted in Jesus alone for eternal life.

Thinking about your answers: Do they agree with the Bible? Are you sure?

6: What Is Common?

People set their own requirement: **Romans 10:2-3** “For I bear them [my fellow Jews] witness that they have a zeal for God [as they passionately keep God’s Law], but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God’s righteousness [what He requires], and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to [put themselves in agreement with] the righteousness of God.”

7: What Does God Require?

Earth and Heaven Are Different:

- On Earth: Good is normally good enough.
- In Heaven: God requires righteousness, holiness, perfection.

Here Is God’s IMPOSSIBLE Requirement:

- The LORD said: **1 Peter 1:15-16** “...be holy... in all your behavior; ...You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
- Jesus said: **Matthew 5:48** “...you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Think About Your Life:

- Are you **holy in all your behavior?** Yes No
- Are you **as perfect as God?** Y N

8: Compare Sections 5 & 7

Seeing Your Answers in Section 5: Which ones fulfill God’s requirement in section 7? Circle them: a b c d e f g h

9: Why are We All Helpless?

- ✦We are **NOT** holy in all our behavior!
- ✦We are **NOT** as perfect as God!

Our BEST is NOT good enough:

- **Isaiah 53:6** “All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way...”
- **Isaiah 64:6** “...all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment...”
- **Romans 3:10** “There is none righteous, not even one...”

- **Romans 3:12** “There is none who does good, There is not even one.”
- **Romans 3:20** “...by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight...”
- **Romans 3:23** “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”

Are you now fully convinced that:

- ❖ No matter what you do!
- ❖ No matter what you give!
- ❖ No matter how obediently you live!

you are helpless to meet God’s requirement? Yes No

10: Did God Lower the Bar?

When a test is too difficult, a teacher may curve the grade: 80%↑ becomes an **A**; 70%↑ a **B**; etc.

Since **NO ONE** is holy in all his behavior and **NO ONE** is as perfect as God, *most presume that God has curved the grade or lowered the bar, but that is NOT true.*

Jesus said: **Matthew 5:17** “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets [the OT Scriptures]; I did not come to abolish [them] but to fulfill [them].”

Since we could **NEVER** meet God’s requirement, **Jesus met it for us:** †living without sin, †then receiving our sins and our eternal punishment!

How was Jesus our whipping boy? Edward VI, son of Henry VIII, attended classes with another boy. Whenever Edward deserved to be punished, *the whipping boy was whipped instead.* We have all sinned, *but Jesus took our eternal whipping!*