

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – 2025  
Saturday, 2/1 at 4:00 | Sunday, 2/2 at 9:00



# What If You Died Today?

Part  
3

Text: New American Standard Bible

## Introduction

**Dear Friend:** This is Part 3 of a New Brochure. It is My Prayer that the Holy Spirit will use it to:

- *Transform your life* **OR** *grow your assurance* **AND**
- Equip you to talk with others about the way to heaven!

## Review

**Keep These Things In Mind** (for more: see Parts 1 and 2):

- Many have set their **OWN REQUIREMENT** for heaven and **THINK** they are meeting that requirement!
- Many are **UNAWARE** that God requires us to be **holy** in all our behavior **AND** **as perfect as He is!**

## 9: Why are We All Helpless?

Because: ▶ We are **NOT** holy in all our behavior! ▶ We are **NOT** as perfect as God!

- **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...”

Because we have sinned, *we are helpless to save ourselves!*

- Do you agree? **Yes** **No**
- 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**; 60%↑ a **C**; 50%↑ a **D**.

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! Jesus was our [whipping boy!](#)

## 11: Key Facts About Jesus!

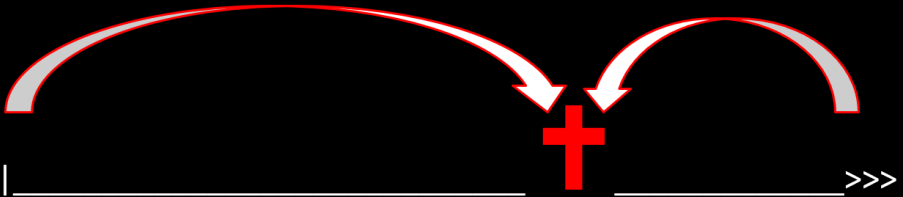
- Who He Is: The Son of God (**Mark 1:1**).
- How He Lived: He was tempted in every way as we are, *but He never sinned* (**Hebrews 4:15**).
- What He Received on Good Friday: All sins (**Isaiah 53:6**) and all eternal punishment (**1 John 2:2**).
- Why He Died for Us Sinners: To bring us to God (**1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



Old Testament

New Testament

“And 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” (Acts 4:12 NAS-95).

### Coming Up – Part 4 of 4:

- What Kind of Faith Saves?
- Can Good Works Help Us?
- How We Are Saved!
- How We Live as Disciples!

**Let Us Pray:** Father in heaven, even though we have all fallen far short of what You require, *you did NOT lower the bar.* Instead, You sent Your Son into this world to be our perfect substitute – *to make the one way to heaven.* **TYSM!** Please keep us trusting *in CHRIST ALONE for eternal life!*

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