

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – 2025
Saturday, 2/8 at 4:00 | Sunday, 2/9 at 9:00



What If You Died Today?

Part
4

Text: New American Standard Bible

Introduction

Dear Friends: This is the final part of a new brochure entitled: **What If You Died Today?** These are the parts I covered so far:

1. Deception Is Common!
2. Our Lives on Earth!
3. The Moment We Die!
4. We are All Going to Die!
5. What Is Your Situation?
6. What Is Common?
7. What Does God Require?
8. Compare Sections 5 & 7
9. Why are We All Helpless?
10. Did God Lower the Bar?
11. Key Facts About Jesus!
12. Jesus Is the Only Way!

Watch,
Listen to,
or Read
Parts 1-3
to fully
benefit!



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13: What Kind of Faith Saves?

- Not this kind: **James 2:17** “Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being by itself.*” // That refers to someone who merely *SAYS he has faith* (when a person has faith in Jesus for eternal life, *it will show*).
- Notice the difference: **Romans 4:4-5**
 - **4:4**: “Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.” // When you are employed and do your work, your paycheck is **not** a favor **but** *what you earned*.
 - **4:5**: “But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness...”
 - What does it mean to be JUSTIFIED? God sees me **JUST** [as] **IF I'D** never sinned!
 - By God's grace, ***we have stopped trying to work our way into heaven!***
 - By God's grace, ***we believe in God and Jesus, and have been declared righteous!***

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.**” // As Christians, we have faith and works, ***BUT we are JUSTIFIED by FAITH ALONE!***
- Adding our works to Jesus' work is extremely negative: **Galatians 5:4** “You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law [*by adding your work to Jesus' work*]; you have fallen from grace.” // Whenever we add to Jesus' work, we are essentially

saying that He did NOT do enough. *Let us be CERTAIN that HIS WORK is ALL SUFFICIENT to save us!*

- 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...” // God, through JESUS ALONE, spares us from eternal punishment :)

15: How We Are Saved!

God works through baptism (Acts 2:38-39) and the Bible (1 Peter 1:23) to give us His righteousness!

- 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...” // A person says: I’m ✦sorry for my sins, ✦helpless to save myself, and ✦open to Jesus!
- God gives us His righteousness in Christ: 2 Cor. 5:21 “He [G the F] made Him [the Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him [Jesus].” // Jesus received our sin and punishment; we, *by faith*, received God’s righteousness – *the exact thing we need for heaven!*
- 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..." // Be faithful in ▶attending divine service and ▶reading, living, and sharing God's word!
- Receiving God's gifts: **Hebrews 10:25** "...**not** forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some..." // Gladly attend, receive, and benefit!
- Living for Christ: **2 Cor. 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." // Jesus lived and died for us, *so let us live for Him!*
- 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." // As we honor the LORD from the first, *He will abundantly bless us!*

Conclusion

When we are ready to die, *then we are ready to fully live with peace and joy!* Brochures: [click here](#) or see the Narthex:

- Read it – *to review the series!*
- Send it – *and urge the person to read and think!*
- Invite someone – *to read through it with you!*

Let Us Pray: Father in heaven, TYSM for life, truth, salvation, peace, and joy! Please move us to ▶grow in Your word and ▶speak the truth in love *by sharing this brochure with others!*

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