

Only Christ could die for the sin of mankind. We **MUST** come through Christ. John 14:6 says, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." We must believe that Christ died for our sins and must accept his death as our final payment for sin. Not Jesus and the Church, not Baptism, not living a good life. Just the **PERSON** of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You say, "Why just JESUS?" The Bible states that it was Christ that died for the sins of mankind; there is no other provision made for the forgiveness of our sin. Acts 4:12 makes this very clear!

You may know that Christ died for your sin, yet, you may have done nothing with it. To know something is one thing, to **DO SOMETHING** with it is another. To receive God's gift of Salvation, you **MUST** be willing to ask for it, and receive it as a gift. It is not earned, it's all by faith – *trusting in God's Word.*

Nevertheless, how does one get his name written in this Book of Life? It is very simple! Be willing to admit your

sinful condition, realize you cannot help yourself, then turn to Christ and ask for the gift of eternal life. It is as simple as saying, "Lord, I am a sinner, forgive me. I now ask You for the gift of Salvation. I receive You as my Savior and Lord. Write my name in the Book of Life; I accept You as my only means of Salvation. I trust You as my Savior!"

It's that simple! **IT'S YOUR DECISION!** "Later," you say. Would you be willing to take a calendar and mark a day you plan to make this decision? There must be a moment of decision, and the best time is now while we live. When death comes it will be too late!

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**Sorry I Forgot!**

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You may have waited on my table. We could have passed on the street or in a hall somewhere. I may have sat by you on a plane or bus; we may have even talked for a few moments. But in the process of our passing, I forgot to ask you, are you really happy with life and where it is going?

Would you give me about three minutes of your time and read this? It could help you find fulfillment and change your life.

In our passing, I wondered which one of us might die first and what would we leave behind. Every man is a religious person to some extent; I am sure you are! Yet even a religious person might think: Is it possible for a man to go to heaven by joining a Church, being baptized, giving money to the poor or the Church, living a respectable and moral life? There are many who believe that these are ways to Heaven.

However, if there were no Church to worship in, what would you do? If all the good things you have ever done, times you went to church, had communion,

the things you did for others, were ineffective – what then? If these things could give us eternal life, I ask you, “*Why would Jesus need to come and die on the Cross?*” The fact is, that if a man could earn his salvation there would be no need for Christ to die, because we could earn it by what we do! If salvation can’t be earned, **WHAT WOULD BE YOUR HOPE OF HEAVEN?**

As I stated, I wonder which of us might die first? *What will death reveal to us?* The Bible tells us of a Book called the Book of Life. It says that whosoever’s name was not written there will not enter Heaven. (Revelation 20:15)

We should ask ourselves this question: If a man cannot earn his way to heaven, then how can a man have assurance of eternal life? We know if we are married or have a job; but when it comes to knowing where we met Christ as Savior, things become vague. Just how did we come to know Christ as our Savior? Seriously, if we do not know the answer to this, we should question our standing with God! Is it possible

for one to know where he stands with God before death? **Yes!**

**First:** It is knowing a Person called Christ who had to die for OUR sin. We need to see our sinful nature. How often have we tried to reform and failed? God tells us in Romans 3:23 that all men are sinners. Until we admit this, there can be no help from God. Yes, a man must first see himself a sinner. To know this is one thing, but to admit it is another!

Romans 6:23 says our sins will bring death. Man **MUST** see himself as God sees him – a Sinner. When death comes there is no middle ground, our name is either in the Book of Life or we’re lost! Therefore, we need to first of all see ourselves as God sees us, a Sinner!

**Second:** A man must also believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation. Not Church, Baptism, or good works! Titus 3:5 says that it is His Mercy and not our works that give eternal life! All of our efforts can never merit it!