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Today there are so many books to read, films to see, and places to visit before we die. We know for certain that one day we will die. We all have a limited amount of time. Therefore how much we can read, see or do, is also limited.

But there is one thing more vital than anything else. And it needs sorting out before we die, or it will be too late.

Even though death is an enemy it need not be feared. When a person dies, their soul and body are separated. The body returns to the elements, but the real us returns to God. You and I have an eternal existence. In the moment of death, we leave behind all our money, friends and ambitions. The one thing we take with us is a record of our lives.

### **After death, God will judge every individual.**

- Every member of the Royal family will stand before Jesus, the King of kings. God will judge them according to whether they trusted or rejected Him as their Lord and Saviour.
- Every politician will give account of every word they have said, and all they have done ... and so will you and I. There will be no spin on what anyone says, there will only be truth, because God knows all about us.
- Every magistrate and judge will be in the dock, as God Himself 'sits on the bench', passing sentence. His verdict is final. There will be no appeal to a higher court, for God is the highest court.
- Every entertainer will face the solemn moment of hearing from Almighty God whether they go to heaven or hell. God's sentence is eternal.





- Every secret of each individual, from every country, and each era of time, whether rich and poor, powerful or abused, young and old, famous or unknown is known by God.

Therefore the one thing to do before we die, is to make sure that we are ready to meet God. We need to know that eventually we are going to heaven. To know that, all our sins need to be forgiven.

**God has told us in the Bible, how this can happen.**

First, we need to acknowledge to God, that we are not the people we were created to be. We should confess to Him that we have sinned by breaking the commandments that tell us to love Him, and those around us. We should tell God of our wrong thoughts, words and deeds.

Secondly, we need to believe that Jesus is the Saviour-God who came from heaven to earth to deal with our wrong. Jesus taught and did great

things because He is God manifested to the world in a human body. His greatest act was to take on Himself the sin of the world. When Jesus was crucified, He paid the punishment for our rebellion. Our sin was laid on Jesus. He was dying so that we could be forgiven and set free from the grip of sin. When Jesus rose from the dead, He was defeating the things that ruin us: sin, death and the grave.

Thirdly, we need to ask Jesus to bring us to Himself, and by His Holy Spirit come to live within us as our Lord and Saviour. Jesus comes as the forever Friend to all who trust Him, and He will keep us through life, death, judgement and eternity. The Bible says, "There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."

You and I need to do this before we die. And as none of us know when we will die, we need to do this now. A preacher used to say, "Repent the day before you die!" But when told that no one knows when they will die, he replied, "Then repent today!"

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