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Eternity...the final frontier

“Eternity” The Final Frontier.

During the Sydney 2000 Olympics the word “Eternity” appeared on the side of the Sydney Harbor Bridge lit up by a dazzling display of fireworks. Many years ago a man called Arthur Stace had made this word famous. Arthur was a converted alcoholic who wrote the word eternity in chalk on the pavements and sidewalks of Sydney for many years. His desire was to alert people to the reality of eternity and that the final destination of everyone was to spend it in Heaven or in the lake of fire

Since ancient times people of every race and religion have believed in some form of after-life. Today more than ever, especially in the west people are becoming increasingly fascinated with this concept through movies, books, magazines and television. The Bible teaches that physical death isn't the end of life but the gateway to an eternal life where time, as we know it on earth does not exist.

The Bible also says that God *“has set eternity in the hearts of men;”* (Ecclesiastes 3: 11) Originally God created us to have a relationship with Him that would last for eternity.

Most people believe in some form of life after death. Some believe that nothing exists beyond this life although they would be exceptions. Most who believe in an after life do not really think about it much because they are absorbed in the pleasures and pursuits of this temporary life.

Some believe that if they live morally upright lives and do good works and help others that God will let them into heaven when they die. Usually people who believe this reject any concept of hell and judgment and do not believe that they are accountable for sin and in most cases do not even understand or acknowledge that they have in fact sinned.

Some believe that if they go to church, take communion and become a church member that God will accept them into heaven when they die.

Today in our materialistic society most people don't consider God as He is revealed in the Bible but chase after the gods of pleasure, success, wealth, self-fulfillment and the praises of men. However the Bible says, *“Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment”* (Hebrews 9: 27).

All of us must stand before God either as our Savior or as our Judge. None of us can avoid this appointment. We do not know when our time on this earth will end. Job said, *“Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He springs up like a flower and withers away; like a fleeting shadow he does not endure”* (Job 14: 1-2).

The Lord Jesus spoke about a rich businessman who thought he could expand his business and enjoy his life for many years to come. This man was presumptuous, *“You have plenty of things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be*

merry." "But God said to him, you fool! This very night your soul will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself? "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God" (Luke 12: 19-21).

The world may call you "wise" when you succeed in life without God but God calls you a "fool." Why was this man a fool? Because he had lain up for him self treasures on earth and not in heaven. He had lived and prepared only for this life but had made no provision for eternity.

All of us must stand before God one day to give an account of how we have lived our lives. The real reason many believe in the theory of evolution is because the only alternative is creation by God and accountability to Him. The Bible shows us our true spiritual condition before God. "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities- His eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Romans 1:18-20).

Man's standard of righteousness falls far short of God's definition of righteousness. God's standard is perfection and no one can lay claim to that except God and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

Are you prepared for eternity? If you died tonight would you go to heaven? If you stood before God tonight would you hear Him say to you "well done you good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord" or would he say to you "depart from me you cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." God tells us in His Word how we can be sure of heaven? There are several things that we need to see from God's word.

1) All of us are spiritually depraved, separated from God and alienated from Him because of our sin and rebellion.

(Romans 3: 10 –18,23) "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know." "There is no fear of God before their eyes." For all have sinned and fall short (miss the mark) of the glory of God."

(Romans 8: 7-8) "The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God."

(Jeremiah 17:9) "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can understand it?"

Jesus himself said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." What is really in our hearts in abundance will come out in what we say. You can usually judge what is in a person by what comes out of their mouth. In fact we will also be judged or acquitted before God by the words we have spoken. "But I tell you that man will have to give an account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned" (Mathew 12: 36-37).

Words are involved in our salvation. The Bible says, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and

are saved. As the scripture says, "Everyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:9-13).

Jesus also said, "Whoever acknowledges (confesses) Me before men, I will acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns (denies) Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33).

We were originally created by God to have a personal relationship with Him and God had a plan for the whole human race. Adam gave his God given authority over the earth into Satan's hands and the whole of creation was plunged into the chaotic path of sin, disease, suffering, death and destruction. Through Adam's disobedience we have inherited sin, sickness, disease, poverty and death. The Bible says this. "Therefore just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5: 12).

From the moment we were conceived in the womb sin was present in us. By birth and by nature we are great sinners and rebels against Him and violators of His law and standard of righteousness. King David expressed this fact when he said, "Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me" (Psalm 51: 5).

God is still in control of everything. Ultimately He will bring about a new heaven and earth in which righteousness will reign, however, this is yet to come in the future but right now in this world peoples minds and hearts are under the control of Satan and the power of sin. As the Bible says, "The whole world is under the control of the evil one" (1 John 5: 19).

This is the real reason why the world is in the mess that it is. This is why man is in rebellion against his creator.

Every one of us born into this world naturally follows after sin because we are born with a sinful nature. No one can keep all of God's law perfectly. Is there anyone apart from the Lord Jesus Christ who has kept all of the Ten Commandments? Is there any one of us who has loved the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind and with all of our strength and loved our neighbor as ourselves?

God gave us His law in the Old Testament and especially in the 10 Commandments not to make us righteous in His sight but to show us how far short we fall from His divine standards. As the scripture says, "By the law (the revelation of the law) is the knowledge of sin." God demands perfection but we fall short of it consequently we come into this world already under Divine judgment for sin. There is no way we can be saved by good works. The scripture says, "By the works of the law no one will be justified in His sight."

This is our spiritual legacy and inheritance in Adam. The wages of sin is an eternal separation from God for time and eternity. (Romans 6: 23) When the Bible speaks of "death" it does not imply physical death and non-existence after we die. It clearly shows us that death includes being separated from God in hell and that it is a place of continuous and conscious torment. Ultimately it will mean the lake of fire for all eternity where, "Their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched."

We are rebels! We cannot help but sin! We love sin and pursue it with pleasure and vigor! We are incapable of pleasing God unless we are supernaturally changed from within. Unless we are spiritually

reborn again into God's Kingdom will all continue on the downward path to Hell.

God's answer isn't good works self-reformation, psychology, or personal morality. God's answer to our problem is the 'New Creation.'

(John 3:3) *"In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

(2 Corinthians 5:17) *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come."*

(Galatians 6:15) *"What counts is a new creation."*

God demands perfection but we have all missed the mark and come under condemnation and judgment for our sin however, God wants us to have a personal relationship with Himself and has a plan for our life. Jesus Himself said, "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

This life not only includes life in this present world but also life in the world to come. If we are still living in sin and rebellion against Him and His Word then we are still under Satan's control and bound for hell and judgment! Don't let anyone tell you that there is no life after death as this is a spiritual deception in itself!

2) Hell is a Real Place.

(Psalm 9: 17) *"The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."*

The Bible clearly teaches that hell is a place of continuous and conscious torment. In the Old Testament we are told that the spirits of people are alive down there and conscious. When God passed judgment on the king of Babylon He spoke about what would happen to him when he

died. *"The grave below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you- all those who were leaders in the world; it makes them rise from their thrones-all those who were kings over the nations. They will all respond, they will say to you, "You have also become weak, as we are; you have become like us." All your pomp has been brought down to the grave, along with the noise of your harps; maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you" (Isaiah 14:9-11).* Evidently there are maggots and worms in hell.

The Lord Jesus Himself spoke about a man who went to hell after he had died. From what Jesus described the man was in continuous agony and torment. Listen to what He said, *"The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire" (Luke 16:22-24).*

How could he recognize Abraham? This man had never met Abraham when he was alive but in hell he recognized him. People in hell are more conscious than they were when they were alive. Hell is a holding place, much like a prison where people desperately want to get out but they can't and their final destination in eternity is the lake of fire.

(Revelation 20: 13-15) *"The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and hell gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and hell were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."*

(Revelation 21:8) *"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic*

arts, the idolaters and all liars-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Just before Jesus comes back to this earth people will either follow Christ or the Antichrist. Those who follow and worship the antichrist will spend eternity in the lake of fire. In the end all of us have only one of two choices facing us. Christ or the Antichrist? Joel the prophet put it this way when he said, “*Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision*” (Joel 3:14). The apostle John says, “*If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he too will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of His wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name*” (Revelation 14:9-11) So then Hell and the lake of fire are real places of conscious and eternal torment.

3) Judgment is certain.

The world is on a collision course with Divine judgment. The Bible is quite clear that Jesus Christ is coming again to judge the living and the dead. His coming will bring this age to an end.

(Matthew 24: 27-31) “*For as the lightening comes from the east and flashes to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Where ever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. “Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give it’s light: the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations on the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the*

clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”

Most people today do not really believe in a final judgment. However, the Bible clearly says that when Jesus comes again to this earth in great power and splendor that every institution of man that God has not established will be shaken. Every level of society will be shaken. “*See the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants-it will be the same for priest as for people, (the religious world) for master as for servant, for mistress as for maid, (the domestic world) for seller as for buyer, for borrower as for lender, for debtor as for creditor. (The Business World) The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The Lord has spoken this word*” (Isaiah 24 1-3).

On that day men will try to hide from the wrath of Jesus Christ.

(Revelation 6:12-17) “*I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”*

The first time God judged the world was by water this time it will be by fire. As Peter tells us, “*But that day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with*

a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare” (2 Peter 3:10).

Paul also said, *“He will punish those who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power” (2 Thessalonians 1: 8-9).*

Just before Jesus returns it will be just like it was in the days of Noah before the flood.

(Matthew 24: 37-39) “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. This is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.”

Paul also tells us, *“The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3).*

Are you ready for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? Do you want to spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven or spend eternity in the presence of the devil and his angels in the lake of fire? Eternity is the Final Frontier! God has shown us the answer from His Word in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4) Our only Hope for Eternity is in Jesus Christ.

(John 3:16-18) “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever is believing in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the

world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever is believing in Him is not condemned, but whoever is not believing stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

(Isaiah 53:5-6) “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

(2 Corinthians 5:21) “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we might be made the righteousness of God.”

When the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sin and rebellion he exchanged places with us. God credited to His account our rebellion and sin and its consequences and credited to our account Jesus’ perfect righteousness. Not only did Jesus fully pay the spiritual debt we owe to God because of our sins but also rose again physically on the third day declaring to the whole world that Satan, sin and death had been conquered forever. From that moment on the way lay open for us to be reconciled to God and brought back into a living relationship with Him.

(1 Corinthians 15:3) “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.”

The unique and outstanding feature of Christianity is that Jesus physically rose from the dead having paid the full penalty for our sin and rebellion against a Righteous and Holy God.

(Hebrews 10:12) “But when this priest (Jesus) had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God.”

(Ephesians 1:7) "Through him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of God's grace"

When the angel of death passed through Egypt during the last of the ten plagues only those people who put the blood of the sacrificial lamb on the doorposts of their homes were spared. God himself had said, "When I see the blood I will pass over you." Only those who have the blood of Christ upon them will be spared from the destroying angel when he once more visits the 'Egypt' of this present evil world.

Through the blood of Jesus shed on our behalf we can receive forgiveness, cleansing, justification, access to God for eternity and victory over the devil and all of his works. All sin, disease, death and destruction are the devils work but the Lord Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil.

(1 John 3: 8) "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work"

The only refuge we have to escape the coming judgment is to throw ourselves upon God's mercy and to seek the power of his blood to save and protect us from the coming wrath. Only as we ask for cleansing and forgiveness through the blood of Jesus can we be reconciled to God for time and for eternity?

Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb of God and His blood was pure blood untainted by sin and the only perfect offering to atone for our sins before a Holy and Righteous God. Not only does His blood justify us before God but also has the power to cleanse our lives from all sin. As the old hymn says "Nothing in my hand I bring but simply to thy cross I cling." Or as that other old hymn says, "would you be free from your burden of sin there's power in the blood." The

only way we can overcome the power of sin, the world, the flesh and the devil is through the blood of Jesus Christ.

(Revelation 12:11) "They overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

Through faith in Jesus and in His blood to protect us from the coming judgment we can be put right with God. God really loves you beyond what you can imagine or think and His grace is free but it is not cheap. He has done everything in His power to save you through the death and resurrection of His dear Son and wants to know what you will do with the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you yield your allegiance to Him or not? Hell is real and judgment is certain but so is heaven a real place.

5) Heaven is a Real Place.

(Revelation 21:1-4) "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Right now you have a choice. Heaven, Hell? Life or Death? There is nothing else! Jesus is God's final Word and if you reject Jesus then God has nothing more to say to you and there is nothing to look forward to but His wrath on a Christ hating, Christ rejecting world. God says to you "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life so that you and your children may live"

(Deuteronomy 30:19). If you have a family and you are not saved then they too will be affected by your decision especially if you are the man of the house!

6) How can we be put right with God?

(Acts 2:37-39) *“When the people heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers what shall we do?” Then Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are afar off-for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

On the day of Pentecost Peter’s hearers were convicted of their sin of unbelief in Jesus Christ as their Messiah, Savior from sin and their rightful Lord and king. Because they were under deep conviction of sin they cried out to Peter and to the others *“What shall we do?”* They were desperate to be saved! Nothing else mattered to them at that moment of their lives! The only intense desire they had was to be saved from their crooked and perverse generation. This is how we must be if we want to be really saved.

Peter told them what to do and what he said applies to you and me today. He did not tell them to go to Church or to a priest. Neither did he tell them to go away and think about it! This meeting was no “seeker sensitive” service or “purpose driven” motivational talk but an urgent warning to them to, *“save themselves from this crooked and perverse generation!”* The question remains that the jailor asked Paul at Philippi, *“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”*

On the Day of Pentecost Peter told them in no uncertain terms what they needed to do to be saved!

Firstly, we must repent.

Repentance is not just feeling sorry for our sin but a desire to turn away from it with all of our heart. Repentance involves confession and to confess to God is to agree with what He says about us. It is to totally submit our selves to God and to totally rely upon Him for mercy and pardon for all of our sins and offences. It means that we stop living independently from God and yield the whole of our lives unconditionally to His control. Repentance must go deeper than the emotions it must effect our wills.

Repentance involves a change of mind about God, about Christ and about the Bible. We must be willing to turn from a Christ hating, Christ rejecting way of life to a Christ loving, Christ accepting way of life. This is true Biblical repentance. God’s Word assures us that if we thoroughly repent and confess our sins that He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (John 1:9)

Repentance also involves faith in Christ to save us. We turn from unbelief to faith in Him and trust God to justify us on the basis of the shed blood of Christ. We not only believe that He can do it but count on Him to do it by committing the whole of our life to Him. The word used for “faith” in the Bible implies “faithfulness.”

If we have really repented then we will want to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. We can only please God through faith. (Hebrews 11:6) (Ephesians 2:8-9) (Galatians 2:16) Repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin and you cannot divorce one from the other. Once we have thoroughly repented then the Holy Spirit can regenerate our dead spirit and make us alive to God on the inside. In other words He can produce in us the New Birth (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Not only must we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ but invite Him personally into our lives by faith. When we do this the Holy Spirit Himself comes to live in us. (*John 1:12-13*) (*Romans 8:9*)
(*Romans 10:8-10*)

Secondly, we must be baptized.

Baptism does not save us but if we have really been saved and born again then we will want to be baptized. When Philip had preached the gospel to the Ethiopian Eunuch the man wanted to be baptized. When Paul had led the Philippians Jailor to faith in Christ he baptized him. This was the pattern of the early church and the clear teaching of scripture.

After Moses had led the children of Israel through the Red Sea the waters destroyed the pursuing Egyptians and cut the Israelites off from the land of Egypt. They were baptized into Moses. In the New Testament Jesus saves us out of the 'Egypt' of this world and cuts us off from its hold over us through the waters of baptism. When we are baptized it is a public proclamation that we have died to our old way of life in the Egypt of this world and have been born again into the Kingdom that is not of this world. As Paul said, "Our citizenship is in heaven." Baptism also shows to the world that all of our sins have been forgiven and washed away through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Thirdly, we must receive the Power of the Holy Spirit.

There is no doubt that the apostles had already been saved before Pentecost. Jesus Himself had pronounced them all clean through the impartation of His Word except Judas Iscariot. He had also said that their names were written in heaven and that He was the vine and that they were the branches. He also said that they were not of this world even as

He was not of this world. Finally just before He ascended to heaven He had breathed on them and said receive the Holy Spirit.

On the day of Pentecost the Lord Jesus poured out His Spirit upon the 120 gathered in the upper room. They had been praying and waiting on God to fulfill His Word to them and then had been filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately they began to testify to the power of God and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter tells us that it is not enough just to repent and to believe and to be baptized with water but also to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Without the power of the Holy Spirit we will not have power or boldness in our witnessing for Christ. When we are born again the Holy Spirit takes up residence in us and when He is poured out He comes down upon us enabling us to witness and to serve Christ in the power of God.

May be you have repented and believed in Jesus Christ with all of your heart and know that you have been born again but you lack spiritual power. What you need is to ask Jesus to fill you with His Holy Spirit. You must not only ask Him to do this but count on Him to do it according to His promise. (*Acts 1:8*)

You receive the power of the Holy Spirit in the same way you receive Christ and that is by personally inviting Him to come down upon you in power. The force of the word Peter actually uses for the word "to receive" is "to take" i.e., "to take by faith what has already been given."

Eternity is a very long time. Are you ready to go into eternity? It is the final frontier! If you have never thoroughly repented and trusted the Lord Jesus to save you will you do it now? God is not willing that you perish but that you come to eternal life but He will never force you to do this.

Eternity is the Final frontier and all of us will go into eternity either with or without Christ!

7) The Sinners Prayer.

Right now you can pray to receive the Lord Jesus Christ into your life. He is standing at the door of your heart right now and wants to come in. He is knocking right now but will you open the door of your life to Him? If this is your desire and if you mean it with all of your heart then you can pray this prayer right now where you are and He will receive you into His eternal kingdom.

"Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for loving me and for sending the Lord Jesus to die in my place and for my sin and rebellion against you. I now confess you as Lord with my mouth and believe in my heart that you raised Jesus to life again from the dead. I want to turn away from my rebellion and unbelief towards you and from everything in my life that displeases you. I lay down my will and take up your good, acceptable and perfect will for my life. Please make me a brand new person on the inside. Lord Jesus

I am sorry for not believing in you and I ask your forgiveness. Please come into my life. Have mercy upon me and cleanse me from every sin by your blood. I receive you by faith alone. Please give me the gift of eternal life and the Holy Spirit to empower me to live for you and obey your word in my life. Thank you for coming into my life as you promised. Amen."

8) God's promises are sure.

(Romans 10:9-10,13) "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the scripture says, "Everyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

(Isaiah 53:6-7) "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."

BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION

" For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ "

