

**WHAT IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING
YOU SHOULD DO
BEFORE YOU DIE**



Most people would say to make a will . . . others might say to get your affairs straight . . . some might say to be sure and purchase a cemetery lot. As you read thru this short note, you will come to the same answer I found in my life in 1950. I have found it to be so wonderful that I want you to know it is the most imperative thing in your life, and it should be attended to at once. May you continue to read to the last word.

1. God loves you and this fact alone is exciting. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

2. You are a sinner and condemned to death as such. Romans 3:23 tells us "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 tells us "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The Bible warns us over and over this eternal death is in a lake of living fire.

3. As sinners we are separated from God and cannot experience this love that he has for us. Therefore the question now is; how can we be reconciled to God and what can we do about this sin problem. Can we work our way into the grace of God by our talent, good works, money, intellect, or by our good looks . . . we can try the best we can but each of us must come to the fact that what we do ourselves is temporary and not

lasting. We find in John 14:6 Jesus tells us "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." We find in Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

4. It would be well for you to now read John 3:1-8, for in this passage Jesus tells Nicodemus three times in eight verses "Ye must be born again." Now keep in mind Nicodemus was a very religious man, a good man, a wealthy man, a well educated man and a good family man . . . but Jesus told him "Ye must be born again." What Jesus told him was that he had been born the first time physically and in sin, and that he needed to be born again spiritually. With this new birth he would be entirely new, not made over. In fact a new baby.

5. Now for the answer to the question, "What is the most important thing you should do before you die?" The answer is to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, asking Him to come into your life, to forgive your sins by washing them in the blood He shed for you, to be the Lord of your life, that you surrender your will, emotions and intellect fully to Him. Not just to know about Him, or to think the church can take you to heaven; but in having this personal relationship with Him and in inviting Him into your heart. John 1:12 tells us "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Revelation 3:20 tells us, and this is Jesus speaking, "Behold I stand at the door and knock [this is the door of your heart]: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Won't you do it?

Have you invited Jesus into your life, to be the Lord of your life? If not, why not do it right now. Bow your head, talk to Him as you would your very best friend, tell Him you are a sinner, ask Him to forgive you, to come into your heart to be the Lord of your life, that you surrender your will, emotions and intellect to Him. Now thank Him for coming in.

Did He come in and how do you know? He said He would come in (Rev. 3:20) not by feeling but by faith. It is by the testimony of the Word of God.

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:11-13

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