

None of us know how many days we have left here on earth. We may live many more years, or just one more day.

One thing we do know is that we will all give account one day to God for our sins. Since God cannot look upon sin; His demand is perfect righteousness.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

We have all willingly chosen to sin against God. We have all come short of His perfect righteousness. Not one of us is righteous.

No matter how we try to live righteously or offer *works* of righteousness to God, we simply cannot erase the sin that is ever-present within us.

Even the works that we do are tainted by our sin and unacceptable to God.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

God calls us to repent of our sin against Him. To repent means to see our sin as God does (filthy and wicked) and to have a genuine sorrow for our sin, as well as a *desire* to turn from it and to be reconciled to God.

Repentance does not save us but helps to prepare a broken and contrite heart which is then able to believe in the Savior He has provided.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

When we repent and recognize our inability to make ourselves righteous through our own works, it becomes clear that we need something else to cover our sins.

According to God's word, without the sacrifice of blood, there is **NO** forgiveness of sin.

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

There is only one person who ever willingly shed His own sinless blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

That is God's own Son, Jesus Christ, the lamb without spot or blemish.

John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Only by the shedding of His own righteous blood can our sins be covered.

When we place our faith in Jesus, His righteousness is credited to our account. Because of what He has done, God can then see us as righteous, even though we are not.

Not only that, but Jesus promises that when we pray according to God's will, in His (Jesus') name, God will hear and answer our prayers.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

*John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall **ask the Father in my name**, he will give it you.*

*John 16:26 At that day **ye shall ask in my name**: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:*

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Today is the day to repent and trust in the name of Christ alone to save you from your sins and reconcile you to God once for all.

*Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.*
11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
*12 But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;*

1 Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

*Exodus 20:4 **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**, or any likeness **of any thing** that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
5 **Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them**: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.*

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Repentance Toward God and Faith toward Christ



Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.