

How
much
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do
you
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left?

STEPS TO SALVATION

Acknowledge. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13).

Repent. “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

Confess. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9).

Forsake. “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD . . . for he will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:7).

Believe. “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).

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THE LAST
Knock

In all likelihood, you aren't worrying about dying today. In fact, unless you are very old or very sick, you probably don't intend to give it much thought at all until sometime in the distant, misty future. Contemplating one's eventual death just isn't high on most people's list of favorite subjects.

The purpose of this tract is not to encourage you to focus daily on your own death. Rather, it is to encourage you to focus on living in such a way that you are ready to die when your summons comes. Life is a wonderful, precious gift, but we too easily forget that it is only given to us for a time. And while we may assume that we will live at least sixty or seventy years, no one has promised us that.

Perhaps you have made light of the idea of preparing for death. You may even have gone to great lengths trying to convince yourself that there is nothing beyond this life. But that doesn't change the facts. If you are not a true Christian today, you are not ready to die. It's just that simple. If Jesus Christ is still on the outside knocking on the door of your heart, don't wait another moment before you swing the door open. One day He will knock for the last time. And when He stops knocking, you won't be able to invite Him in, even if you want to.

Why do we need to let Him in? Because we are all born sinners, and if we do not have our sins forgiven, we will face every one of them at the Judgment. But by turning to God now, we can know that Christ's death on the Cross has paid sin's penalty for us personally, and that there is nothing between us and our Creator.

In a care center in Portland, Oregon, an elderly Christian man wanted to share the

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Gospel with his roommate who had just been transferred in. When he began to talk to him about the Lord, the man let him know in no uncertain terms that he wasn't interested. The Christian persisted, gently telling the man, "You may not have too long to live." The man was apparently wholly unconcerned by such thoughts.

On Saturday of the same week, the Christian again tried to interest the man in making his peace with God. The man responded, "I don't want to hear it!" The following morning, the Christian listened to a church service on his radio. He made sure the man could hear what was said. After it was over, once more he brought up the subject of preparation for eternity, only to be met with, "I don't want anything to do with it!"

Jesus Christ was knocking at the heart's door of this man through the appeals of his Christian roommate. We don't know how many times the Lord had knocked before. But we do know that late in the man's life, Jesus was still reaching, calling, and hoping to gain entrance.

That very Sunday night, the Christian was startled out of sleep by the dreadful screams of the man. By the time the attendants arrived, he was dead. The last knock had come. But no one answered the door. Now it was eternally too late.

God's mercy is extended to you even as you read these words. Don't wait to answer the door! Don't assume you'll have a better opportunity later! Let Jesus come into your heart now and experience the peace of knowing you can live ready to die.