

Life is Uncertain



In the Bible, James 4:14 says, *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

No one knows what a new day may hold. It was May 29, 1990; I was the climbing member of a tower crew erecting a tower for the Harbour Light radio station in Carriacou, Grenada. I had no idea what the events of the day would bring. We had stacked 140 feet of tower and had just two sections to go. I was standing at the 130-foot level; the next section, which weighed about 150 pounds, was on its way up and just below my feet. .It all happened so quickly—the cable we were using to raise the tower sections came loose! The section of tower started down, the cable sizzled through the pulleys, and I watched helplessly as the section of tower plunged downward. It narrowly missed the first guy cable, and seemingly took aim at the bottom cable. I thought it was all over, this would be how I was going to die. I wondered if Raymond and Richard, the two workers at the tower base, would be able to get out of the way. Then it hit, the tower shook, the cable held and the section slid down the cable and off to the ground. It landed right where Raymond and Richard had been standing just moments before. The tower was still standing (though a little worse for the wear), a miracle in itself, and no one was even hurt! Upon inspecting the tower and guy cables it was evident that the hand of God had guided that section as it fell. It impacted on a heavy steel flange right where the guy cable attached. A few inches further out and it would have severed the cable, causing the tower to collapse. Not only had God kept the tower from falling, but He had protected everyone from being hurt.



Not there was time to think. I knew if I were to die I would be in heaven with the Lord. As a youngster I had accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, but what about the others? I found out later that Raymond had voiced that same thought to Richard. Where would you be today if you were to die? Where would you spend eternity? The Bible says in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In other words, everyone, no matter how good, has sinned and deserves death, but God has made available the gift of eternal life through his son Jesus Christ. We can't earn it; we just have to accept it. Titus 3:5 tells us, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." Romans 5:8-9 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then,

being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." We read in Romans 10:9-10 that "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I John 1:9 tell us "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." John 1:12 says, "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. Jesus said in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Matthew 10:32-33 tells us "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."



Psalms 9:17 reads, *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."* We read in Matthew 10:28: *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

The choice is yours, what will you do with Christ? Will you accept Him? That means that you know you need to be saved from the penalty of your sin, that you believe Christ died on the cross to pay for your sin, and that you accept His free gift. Unless you accept God's gift, it will do you no good! What will you do with His gift? How will you spend eternity? 2 Corinthians 6:2 says, "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." If you don't know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, won't you pray and accept Him right now? 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

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