

speaks of the time to come when the Lord Jesus will return *“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power”* (II Thessalonians 1:8-9). Do you have godly sorrow for your sin and what it has done to God, others, and yourself? *“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death”* (II Corinthians 7:10). Repent! Turn from your sin and turn to God.

Third

“[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). Confess or admit that what God says about you is true. You are a sinner and in need of a Saviour. Then confess or admit with your own mouth to God that Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and rose again to give you eternal life. Believe this with all your heart and ask the Lord Jesus to save you. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”* (Romans 10:13). He

will wash you of all your sins and make you whiter than snow. *“The blood of Jesus Christ God’s Son cleanseth us from all sin”* (I John 1:7).

Fourth

Would you call on the Lord **TODAY** to cleanse you of all your sin? *“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”* (II Corinthians 6:2). Then you would be prepared to meet Christ as Rolen was. How about it! Then you too would be . . .

IN HIS PRESENCE!

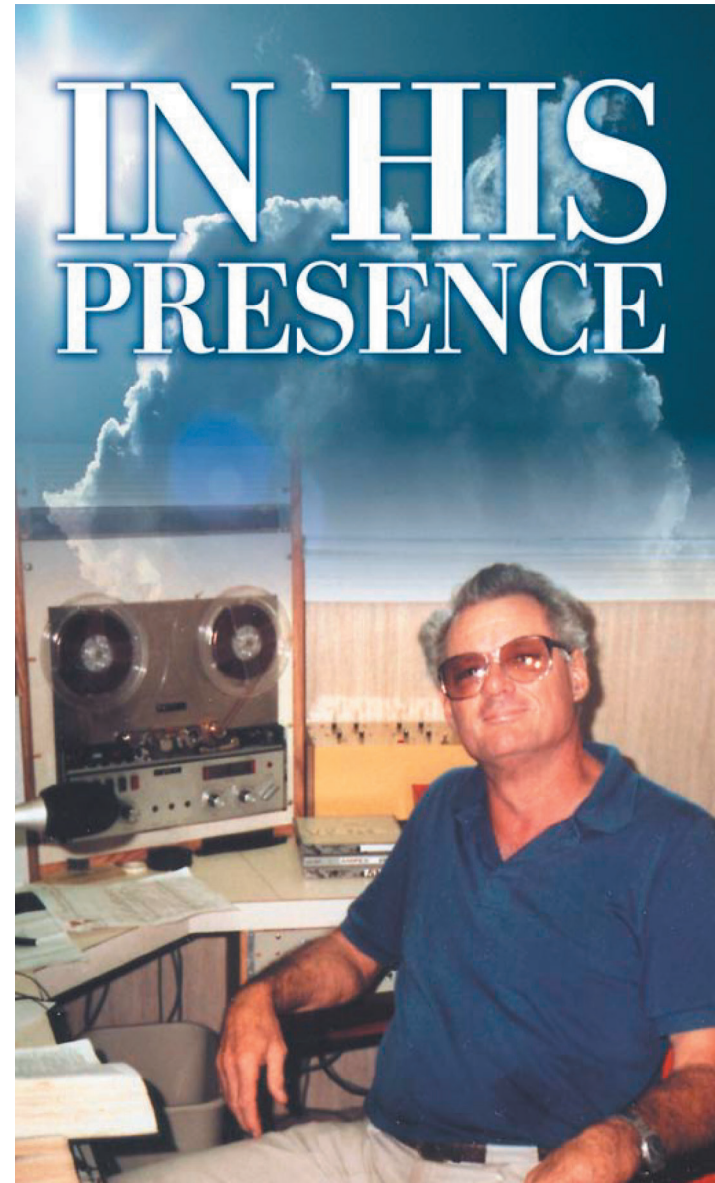
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1997, began like any day. Rolen Cornelius and his son Randy (both radio missionaries with the Harbour Light of the Windwards, Christian radio station on the Caribbean island of Carriacou) met together early in the morning for personal devotions on the porch of Rolen's home. Randy lingered a little longer on this particular day as they talked of the things of the Lord. Since Rolen was scheduled to work the evening shift at the radio station that night, he planned to stay at home for part of the day before going to the station that afternoon. Randy picked up his mom after breakfast, and together they went to work at the station. Later in the afternoon, after Randy had returned home to his family, his mom called to say that Dad had not come in to work yet and was not answering the phone; would he go check on him. When Randy arrived at the house, he found the door wide open and the radio playing. He called for Dad, but there was no answer. He went into the house calling—still no answer. The bedroom door was closed, so Randy knocked on the door. Hearing the radio playing inside the bedroom, he knocked louder. When there was no answer, he opened the door and found his father lying

on the bed as if he were taking a nap, but Randy knew immediately that his dad was in the presence of the Lord! He went over to his dad's side and touched him. His body was cold. It was true; his dear dad had gone home to be with the Lord he so loved and served. Randy wept on his chest. He would miss his Dad, yet rejoiced that he would see him again in Heaven.

One of the greatest comforts to believers since the Lord Jesus ascended into Heaven is this statement of the Apostle Paul: *“For we walk by faith, and not by sight: we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord”* (II Corinthians 5:7-8). Little did Rolen know that Friday morning when he awoke that it would be his last day on this earth. My friend, today may be your last day! Proverbs 27:1 states, *“Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”*

How about you?

If you were to die today, would you be in the presence of the Lord? How do we know that Rolen is indeed in His presence? When Rolen was only a young child, his mother faithfully taught him the Scriptures, and he

put his faith in the Lord Who is the only way to Heaven. Rolen, at the age of three, prepared himself for Friday morning, February 7, 1997, sixty years later.

Are you prepared for the day you leave this earth? Let me suggest that you do as Rolen did.

First

Acknowledge or admit that you are a sinner in the sight of God. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). Sin is disobedience to God and to His laws. *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die”* (Ezekiel 18:20). Do you question where you will spend eternity? Then, what will you do with your sin? *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”* (Romans 6:23).

Second

Once you admit your sin, you must repent. *“[God] commandeth all men every where to repent”* (Acts 17:30). *“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”* (Luke 13:5). Repentance is to change your mind, or to turn from your sinning and turn to God to save you. If we continue in our sin, we must pay for our sin, in Hell, forever. The Bible