

God wants to raise you out of your spiritual darkness. Then you need to repent of your sin. God *“commandeth all men every where to repent”* (Acts 17:30). Repentance is changing your mind and turning to God for salvation. To change your mind is to agree with God’s Word that your sin is disobedience and rebellion toward God and that your sin will take you to Hell, *“where their worm [maggot] dieth not, and the fire is not quenched [extinguished]”* (Mark 9:46).

If you see your need to turn to God, then believe in the Lord Jesus with all your heart—**now!** *“He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* (John 11:25–26). Do you believe this with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Turn to the Lord Jesus **today**, and He will save you from sin’s penalty, which is to be cast into Hell for all eternity. All who do not turn to Christ *“shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord”* (II Thessalonians 1:9). Call upon the Lord Jesus to forgive you of your sin and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”* (Romans 10:13).

Do it **today**, for **NOW** is the accepted time!

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If someone had to describe in a word the day and age in which we are living, the word would have to be **now**. Whatever it is, people want it **now**—from our food, instant coffee, soups, and TV dinners to instant credit, loans, medical help, and any other kind of service rendered. It is **now** and only **now**, for only **now** will do. In fact, what people mean when they say **now** is **immediately**, if not sooner! People are concerned that physical things must be **now**. But when it comes to spiritual things and being right with God, it is *tomorrow* or *sometime later*, but **not now**! Why is this? It is because all people are naturally born sinners. *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me”* (Psalm 51:5). Sin causes a person to be focused on himself and seek his own ways over God’s ways. It brings division between oneself and God.

What about you? Do you find yourself preoccupied with the physical things of this life while giving very little or no attention to spiritual matters? This is the opposite of what our Creator God wants. God does not want us to worry about physical things. *“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?”*

Instead He wants us to *“seek . . . first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”* (Matthew 6:25, 33). Do not be preoccupied with the things of this life, but seek God’s kingdom first. Did you know that God wants you to do something **now**? He urges, *“Behold **now** is the accepted time; behold **now** is the day of salvation”* (II Corinthians 6:2). Are you preoccupied with this temporal life to the neglect of your eternal soul? **Now** is the time to do something about that.

You must admit that when you were born into this world, you were born a natural sinner like your parents. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). Because we are all born sinners, we are in spiritual darkness. *“Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil”* (John 3:19). This explains why people are so preoccupied with sinful pleasures. They are spiritually in the dark and do not see the need to prepare for the life to come. To put off God’s **now** for your **now** will bring about tragic results in this life and the next. *“The way of transgressors [sinners] is hard”* (Proverbs 13:15). *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”* (Romans 6:23).

You must realize that the Lord Jesus wants to give you a free gift and raise you out of your sinful spiritual darkness. Jesus said, *“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* (John 11:25–26). The Gospel is God’s good news concerning man’s sinful condition. This Gospel is summarized in I Corinthians 15:3–4: *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”* The Lord Jesus died for your sins to provide forgiveness for you, and His resurrection proved that sin’s penalty was paid. He can forgive you and raise you out of your spiritual darkness into life everlasting. Then He will give you a new body like His to enter Heaven someday.

In your head you may believe these facts concerning the Lord Jesus Christ and your sinfulness, but this will not save you, nor will it change you. These truths must reach deep within your heart to change you and to save you. The change begins when you admit that you are a sinner before God and realize that