place on the cross as the punishment for my sin. I believe in You, Lord Jesus, that You rose again from the dead. Forgive me of my sin and save me to live forever with You in heaven. Give me strength to give you the glory and honor of which You are worthy."

If you truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, God promises to you eternal life! Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life," John 5:24.

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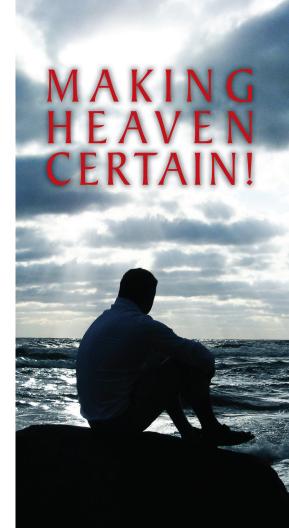
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# MAKING HEAVEN CERTAIN!

God's Purpose for man is to honor and serve Him. Revelation 4:11 says, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Even though God is loving and good, we have all sinned against this marvelous purpose. This is the universal problem of man. "All we like sheep have gone astray." We have done what is right in our eyes, but not God's sight. We have sinned and not loved and obeyed God. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). No man can proclaim his own goodness, for we have all broken God's commandments many times.

We have worshiped other gods, lied, stolen, hated, and committed adultery if not in action, in our hearts. God has given us the Ten Commandments not as a list of things for us to do our best and hope that our good out-weighs our wrong-doing. This is not the ultimate purpose of the Commandments of God! These commandments reveal to us God's holy and right standard and show us how miserably

we all come short in keeping them. These comandments ought to stop our mouths from declaring our own goodness, or thinking we can "work our way to heaven." They convince us of sin and cause us to see that we are worthy of God's judgment of death in hell. When we understand the awfulness of our sin, we will understand the rightness of God's wrath. "The soul that sinneth shall die." And, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). The second death is in the eternal lake of fire (Revelation 21:8).

Many people think that hell is an old-fashioned idea, and incompatible with God's nature. Do not be deceived, for God is holy and cannot fellowship with sin. Heaven and hell are both real places, and you will go to one or the other. The Law convinces us that we are lost and then it causes us to look for the One who has kept these commandments perfectly! And that is Jesus Christ! The Law drives us to Jesus, for only He is without sin. Jesus Christ not only lived a perfect life of obedience, but then He died for our sins. Romans 5:8 says, God demonstrated "his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

love, but He died as our substitute. He died for us, paying a debt He did not owe. He died to pay the debt we have incurred. God now commands all men everywhere to repent of their sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 17:31; Acts 16:31).

When you believe that Christ died for you, then your sins will be imputed to (or accounted to) Christ and His righteousness is imputed to you or charged to your account. A sinner who believes in their heart that Christ died for them is declared righteous by God! "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness" (Romans 10:10). One who believes that Christ rose again bodily from the dead will rise from earth to heaven and forever be with the Lord. "That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead. you shall be saved" (Romans 10:9). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ today! You can be saved by faith alone in Christ alone. Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ,

"I acknowledge that You are holy and righteous. I confess my sinfulness; I have repeatedly broken Your Law and deserve eternal punishment. Thank you for taking my