

Five Men and Their Last Chance to Trust Jesus (True Stories)

The **first man** was a miner, who was passing a meeting house one night and went in. The minister was speaking of the holiness of God, and of the awful situation of those who were still unprepared – and might be called at any moment to meet God. He begged his hearers to ask themselves the question, "Am I ready to meet God?" He urged them to answer it now, for now was the accepted time. God was ready **now**, and they were alive **tonight**. Tomorrow might be too late. The miner thought, "I am not ready to meet God! I have lived a careless, godless life - I dare not meet His Holy Eye. How can I make peace with Him? I am such a sinner I dare not stand before Him." These truths troubled him so much he could not go away. He waited till the people went out, and then he told the minister his fears. The man of God tried to lead him to Jesus. "Jesus is your peace," he said. But the miner found none. The minister laid the way of salvation clearly before him. "Now," he said, "it is late. Go home and seek your Savior there." "No," answered the miner with increased earnestness. "I beg you to let me stay a little longer; it must be settled tonight!" Again the minister spoke of the finished work of Christ. Again the miner prayed, following his words with sobs and tears; and at last the light broke in on his darkness. "I see it!" he cried. "My peace is made with God. It is settled. I have to thank God for it! Praise His Name!" He heard their cry and saved the miner's soul. The next day as the miner was working, a mass of rock fell upon him. Working to save him - his faint voice came from beneath the fragments of rock. "I thank God it was settled last night! Settled forever I am His. Tonight would have been too late, but thank God it was settled last night!" When they uncovered his body, he had gone to God. **"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."**

The **second man** was my daddy who almost died a year and half before he did, but God would give him another chance by using my sister who purposely didn't tell the doctors about his living will. Although earlier in life, my dad had said that you didn't need to believe in Jesus, when he was 88, two weeks before he did die, he asked "What must I do to be saved?" in dying seriousness and sincerity. He was encouraged to believe on Jesus Christ alone and His shed blood and His Righteousness provided through His death and Resurrection from the dead for the remission of sins and not to trust and take pride any longer in his own "righteousness" (which none of our own righteousness, which is imperfect and unholy, can a Perfect, Holy God accept). My Dad didn't wait to call upon the Lord to be saved – without being asked, he began to pray. Not only was it the first time I had heard my dad pray – he said to me: "I can't wait to see Jesus" - clearly he had a peace that his sins were now forgiven. **"Jesus said ... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."**

The **third man** was a 24-year-old biker that was heavily involved in sin (drugs, crime, immorality, ... etc.) He not only lived a wicked and godless life, but when confronted with the truth that he was headed down the road to eternal damnation; very defiantly rejected Jesus Christ as His Savior and Lord. He said, "I love the way I'm living," and "I'm not going to change!" Two weeks later he died while being chased, without (apparent) change, and was in eternity. The **fourth man** was also a young man heavily in bondage to sin. He heard a sermon on the coming of the Lord, and the need to get right with Him through repentance and faith in Christ; but put it off. The next morning, under conviction of his sinfulness, he called his mother. She encouraged him to pray. However the cost of dying to self thru trusting Christ seemed to be too much, for he seemingly put it off. Only 45 minutes later, the car he was working on came off the jack, and he was in eternity. The **fifth man's** former girlfriend was a teenage student who attended a Bible Study; where, as evidence by her transformed life, she came to genuine repentance & true saving faith in Christ - "Faith come by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God". Shortly after her conversion - the former boyfriend and another couple were giving her a ride to her Bible Study; apparently as he was urging her to come back to her old sinful lifestyle - she was pleading with him (them) to come to the Bible Study (and receive Christ as his (their) Savior). Tragically, sadly he rejected seemingly his last opportunity to savingly trust Christ; for as she got out of the car to go to the study - she apparently heard him say: "I got plenty of time for religion". Just moments later - 2 miles down the road, the vehicle crashed; and he and the other couple were killed.

Dear friend, today could be our last chance! "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man (Jesus) cometh." Then said one unto Him, "Lord, are there few that be saved?" And He said unto them, **"Strive to enter in at the strait gate:** for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the Master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, But He shall say ... 'I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.' There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth ... and you yourselves thrust out". **"If ye believe not that I (Jesus) am he, ye shall die in your sins"**.

Can we hear Jesus speaking to our hearts today saying – "I am your salvation", "I can deliver you" from Satan, Sin, The World, and Self– **"If you only believe (In Me) you will see (experience) the glory of God** (to raise you from spiritual eternal death to now new life- His eternal life)." Jesus said that you and I must be born again by the Holy Spirit who uses the Word of God: to be given a new mind (His mind) and new heart filled with the all consuming love of God with the resulting fruit of an all consuming love for God and the sacrificial love of Jesus for others. Right now ask God to give you a humble, broken heart with godly sorrow over how your sins and the hidden lusts of your own goals have hurt and grieved Him as you let His redemptive love and blood put to death your self- life. Please today, if you haven't already –Through His Grace, Belief in Jesus that results in a humble, God-pleasing, God-in-control life, by repenting of unbelief that resulted in a prideful, self-seeking, self-in-control life. By His mercies alone, believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God to save you by His undeserved grace to now do the Father's work His way. Now by faith - rely solely on the power of His righteous blood alone, willingly given on the cross, to redeem you (forgive and set you free) from the guilt and bondage to sin and make you alive to now have His righteousness living in and out of you. Now by faith, Relying solely on the hope of His Blood & resurrection power live by His undeserved grace! **Trust Jesus ... Live by the faith of the SON of GOD, Who loved us - "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world (and its coming judgment)". "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"**.

Dear friend, **Have you in the past, or are you now - personally willing to admit to the Lord:** that you are a lost hell-doomed sinner dead in your sin, already condemned headed for judgment to be eternally separated from God – **"He that believeth not is condemned already... There is none righteous, no, not one... For all have sinned... the wages of sin is death"**? Then please pray even now – **"God be merciful to me a sinner."** Are you now willing to believe the promises of His Word and receive His mercy: **"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons (daughters) of God, even to them that believe on His Name... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"**? Are you willing to believe that He died for your sins and took the judgment due to you as a Hell-doomed sinner upon Himself - if you will only receive Him: **"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: and that He was seen..."**? Have you or are you now personally willing to repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord: **Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not (any longer) on your own understanding (repentance)??** Are you willing to receive His saving grace through faith- to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Great God and Saviour: **"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace... For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works"**? Then please pray now – **"call upon the name of the Lord (and you) shall be saved"**: That 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. **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."** It is all important for all of us who profess to "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except you be reborn?" The Bible says it is possible to believe in vain: and like Simon (Acts 8:9-24) still have a "heart (that) is not right in the sight of God" & be "in the bond of iniquity". "The just shall live by faith" - "faith without works is dead".

Please ask the Lord Jesus to save you today.

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