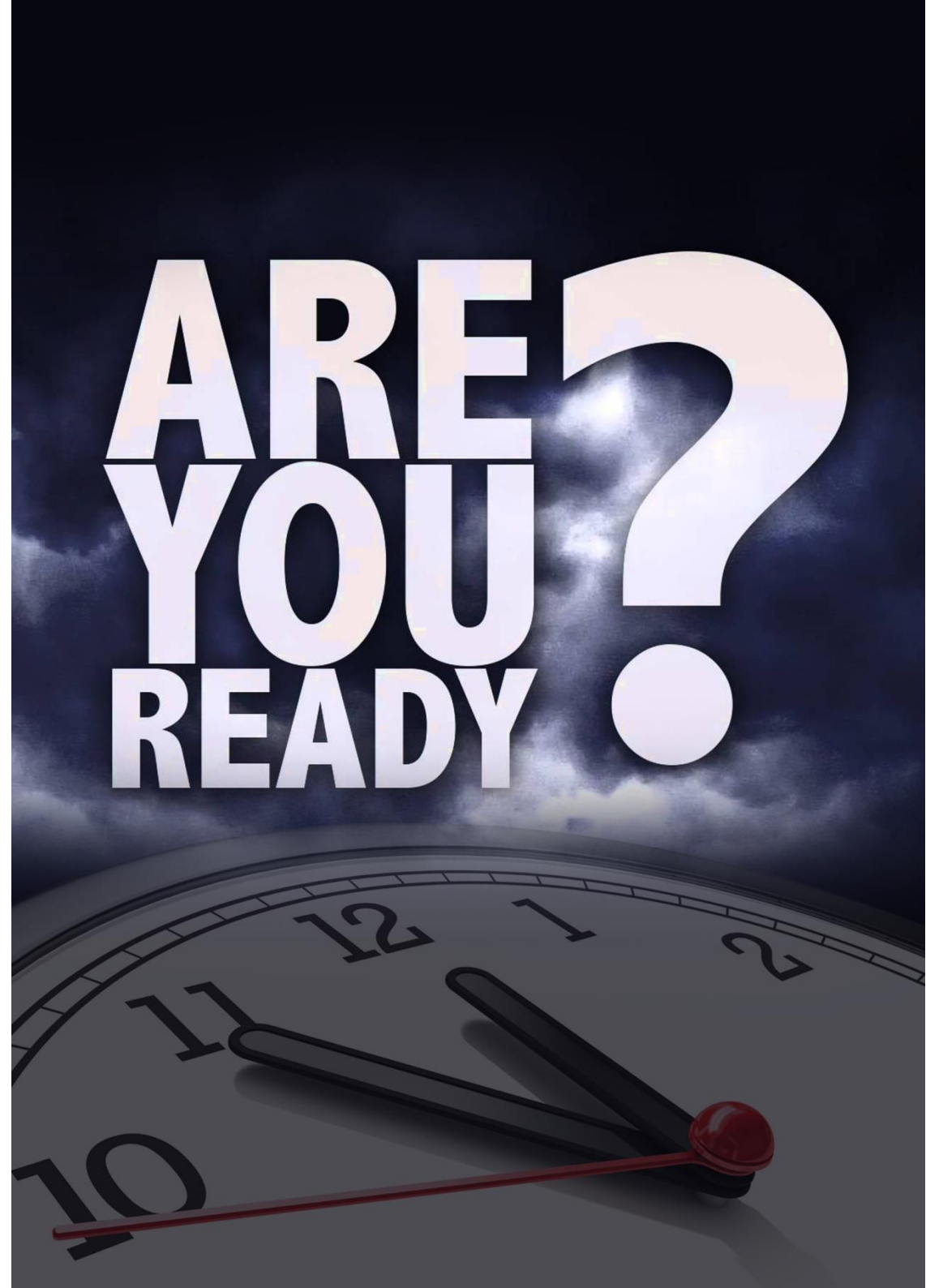


Will you receive Him, the living Christ of God who died, rose again, and now offers salvation to all who believe on Him? Will you trust Him now as your own Saviour? It is not the reception of the creed, or identification with a sect, or becoming a religious person that saves. It is the acceptance or rejection of Him answers the solemn question, “Are You Ready?”

Thus the issue is very clear, and the point is very fine, Christ is the test. In none other is there salvation-in church, or creed, or religion - “¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12). “⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43). Therefore, believe on Him and be saved, Meet God you must! Are YOU ready?

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ARE YOU READY?

Please regard this as a personal appeal. You must meet God. Are you ready? In comparison with this question all others sink into utter insignificance; before it all others problems pale. You may be successful in business, brilliant in your profession, and healthy in your body and mind; you may be religious and respected by your friends, but “²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? (Matthew 16:26). This is the solemn unanswered question of Scripture.

To be ready to meet God requires a new birth. Have you been born again? This is more than success, more than health, more than religion, more than respectability. These may all be present and the essential new birth unknown. “³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” (John 3:3). This statement is unequivocal. It cannot be evaded. It is uttered by the Lord Jesus Christ. The necessity for the new birth arises from the fact that as born into this world we all spring from a sinful stock, we all are sinners. The effectually bars fellowship with God. Sin is contrary to the nature of God. He hates it. His “¹³ Eyes are too pure to look on evil; He cannot tolerate wrongdoing.” (Habakkuk 1:13).

While God hates sin, He loves sinners, whether they tread the clean or filthy side of the broad road. “¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). God’s judgment on sin fell upon Christ on the Cross, and there is cleansing and forgiveness for all who believe on Him. “¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12). Thus by new birth, by receiving Christ, by believing He died for my sins, I am born into the family of God, and can answer the question, “Are You Ready with a glad and confident, “Yes!”.

Have you known this change? Have you experienced this new birth? Have you accepted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord? Do not resent these personal questions. Were I to tell you of a path to wealth and fame you would doubtless give eager consideration to my proposals, however incredible they might appear! Tens of thousands, however, know its reality in their heart and life. Do not therefore refuse to face the problem because of its seeming incredibility. Put the matter to the test. Do it now. The terms are simple: “¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12).