

Imagine, for a moment, Adolf Hitler—the German dictator who sparked the Second World War and orchestrated the deaths of millions of innocent civilians worldwide. If he were alive today, what do you think his fate would be? What kind of punishment would the whole world demand he receive?

It's clear: most would call for a punishment marked by severe suffering, one that could begin to repay the evil he inflicted. The victims of the gas chambers, the innocent lives brutally cut short, the war itself—the injustice cries out for justice. People would want to see him pay for these crimes. And rightly so.

Now, imagine a shocking alternative: what if Hitler were captured, secretly held somewhere, but then released a few days later without trial or punishment—simply returned to freedom as an ordinary citizen? It sounds impossible. But with God, the impossible becomes possible.

Jesus said in John 5:24 (ESV):

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN IMPERFECTION AND GOD'S JUSTICE

My friend, no one is perfect. Our conscience bears witness to this every day. The Apostle Paul affirms this truth in Romans 3:23 (ESV):

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Because of this universal sinfulness, the just requirement of God's law is judgment. The consequence of sin is death, as Paul explains in Romans 6:23 (ESV):

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The Bible is clear: everyone deserves judgment. But God, in His mercy, offers salvation through Jesus Christ. He promises eternal life to all who believe in Him—a life that begins now and continues forever, free from condemnation.

THE FINAL JUDGMENT AND THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

On the day of judgment, Christ will sit on the great white throne to judge all the nations. But those who have trusted in Him will not be there to face condemnation. Instead, they will stand *with* Him to judge the world.

This is described in Revelation 20:11-15 (ESV):

"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

The sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades

gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Today, you might be struggling with addictions, sins, or guilt—maybe you feel hopeless or condemned. The truth is, without Jesus, everyone faces the terrifying reality of judgment and eternal separation from God.

Why continue risking your life by living carelessly? Why reject the amazing grace offered by Jesus—the grace that delivers us from judgment and grants us eternal life?

Jesus invites you:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will

give you rest." (Matthew 11:28 ESV)

WHAT MUST YOU DO?

1. Repent — Turn from your sins and turn to Jesus (Acts 3:19).
2. Believe — Trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior (John 3:16).
3. Be baptized — The Bible commands baptism by immersion in water, in the name of Jesus Christ, as an outward sign of your inward faith and cleansing from sin (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4).
4. Receive the Holy Spirit — Upon true faith and baptism, God gives His Spirit as a guarantee of your new life (Ephesians 1:13-14).

If you haven't taken these steps, you have not truly passed from death into life. You remain under judgment.

A FINAL WORD

No one wants to stand trial—especially before God, the righteous Judge. Don't wait until it's too late. Repent now while there is still time. Surrender your life to Jesus Christ today.

May God bless you richly.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T BE JUDGED ON THAT DAY?

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