Blessed be the name of our Sovereign King, Jesus Christ. Welcome as we learn His words, which are the light of our path and a lamp to our feet (Psalm 119:105).

Today, we will briefly reflect on the importance of repentance before the end of our lives. Many teachings circulate today that suggest there is a “second chance” after death, often linked to purgatory. These teachings promise that even if one dies in sin, they might still be saved from eternal punishment through the prayers of the saints or other intercessions.

These are deceptive doctrines of Satan, designed to give people false hope and comfort. Satan knows that humans are drawn to comfort, which is why his first lie in Eden was a lie of comfort. He told Eve, “You will not surely die” (Genesis 3:4), even after God had warned, “for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17). The same deceptive tactics are used today to lead people astray.

The teaching of purgatory or “second chances” after death is dangerous. Many will regret it when they face the reality of judgment and discover that there is no second chance. As Jesus Himself warned:

> *John 8:24 – “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”*

Reflect deeply on this verse. Jesus links sin and death: if one dies in sin without faith in Him, there is no remedy afterward. The consequences of sin continue beyond physical death, because while our bodies decay, our sins and their accountability do not vanish. Repentance must occur while we are still alive on this earth. After death, there is no more opportunity for salvation.

The writer of Hebrews emphasizes this truth:

> *Hebrews 9:27 – “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”*

If you believed there is a “second chance” after death, as some false teachings propose, you have been deceived—just as Eve was deceived in the Garden of Eden. Jesus repeatedly urged

repentance before death, because after death comes judgment.

This is why it is urgent to turn to Jesus today. Whether someone struggles with alcoholism, sexual sin, profanity, idolatry, or any other sin, without repentance and faith in Christ, death leads directly to judgment and eternal separation from God—hell. There is no second chance after death.

What should you do?
Respond to the Holy Spirit’s call today. Decide firmly to turn from sin and follow Christ. Break ties with worldly sins—whether addictions, impure relationships, or harmful behaviors—and take up your cross to follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). The Holy Spirit will empower you to overcome sinful desires, bringing peace that surpasses understanding (Philippians 4:7).

If you resist and continue in sin, death will claim you in your sins, and there will be no second chance. Choose life today!

May the Lord bless you abundantly. Share this message to warn others about the urgent need for repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

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