

WHAT IS YOUR DESTINY?

It seems like there are always questions about tomorrow -- what school to attend -- what job to take -- who to marry -- where to live -- how to raise your children. The questions go on and on and we must face them sooner or later.

There is an even more important question we all must face in this life-time

and that is our Eternal Destiny! -- where will we spend Eternity -- and what must we do about it in preparation for it.

This life is very short compared with Eternity -- 50, 60, 70 years or more -- the fact is that one of these days we will be forced to face it -- ready or not!

Where can we go to find the answers to these questions? Books of History are limited and ever changing - philosophy is unreliable -- and archaeology can leave us at most with dirty hands. The dictionary however has this to say of Destiny -- "the seemingly inevitable succession of events, or the power supposed to determine one's fate."

BUT -- there is a much more reliable source for our search for answers -- the Bible -- God's Infallible Holy Word. Although the word "destiny" does not appear in the Bible yet there is much said on the subject.

For example -- *"It is appointed to men once to die -- but after this the judgment"* (Hebrews 9:27) -- indicating that there is something very important that takes place after our physical death -- a judgment to determine the place of our spending Eternity.

A good example of this is found in the Gospel of Luke -- the story of two men who died and faced their fate -- the rich man who had no time for God, and the poor beggar who honored God in his life. The rich man went to a place of heat and torment, while the poor man went to a place of peace and comfort (Luke 16:19-31) and there was no opportunity for change after death. The fact of rich or poor was not the issue - - it was the commitment and service to God.

This matter was brought up to Jesus Christ by a very religious leader and Jesus immediately set him straight with His answer, *"You must be Born Again"* (John 3:7). It is a matter of -- one birth two deaths -- or -- two births one death. When you experience the Second Birth your physical body will die one day -- BUT -- you will receive Life Eternal -- if you are not Born Again you will miss this Life Eternal and spend Eternity in hell.

This "Destiny" is of utmost importance and must be dealt with while you still have life in your body -- seconds after death is too late -- your Destiny is sealed by the decisions you make while you still have breath.

The Apostle Paul told the Philippian Jailor, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be Saved"* (Acts 16:31) -- that is -- Saved FROM an endless Eternity in Hell -- Saved TO an endless Eternity in Heaven.

Only YOU can make the decision -- no one else can make it for you -- your Eternal Destiny depends solely on YOU -- Believe and Receive -- or -- Reject and Regret.

In closing I would like to direct your attention to a beautiful old Hymn of the Church sung so often at the close of Evangelical Meetings all over the world -- *"Just as I am without one plea, but that Your Blood was shed for me, and that You bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come."*

Don't put it off -- seal your Destiny NOW --

ask Jesus to come into your life and Save you!

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