

salvation? Or are you trusting in your good works, your morality, and what you are doing for God? If you have not as yet received God's Son as your Saviour, then God says in His Word that **"all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"** (Isaiah 64:6).

The all-important question is, Have you accepted Jesus Christ, God's remedy for lost and guilty sinners?

"As many as received Him [Christ], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

WHAT WILL YOU DO THEN WITH JESUS?

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Long ago a judge named Pilate asked, **"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"** (Matthew 27:22).

Did it ever occur to you that everyone must answer this question? You must answer it. I must answer it. It's the most important question we will ever answer. God requires an answer. Our whole future depends upon our answer. I cannot answer for you and you cannot answer for me. Each must answer for himself. We must answer since God

holds each of us personally responsible to accept Jesus the Saviour.

You and I need a Saviour, **"for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"** (Romans 3:23). In spite of our terrible condition, God has provided in His Son a Saviour for those whom He has shown to be guilty. **"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"** (John 3:16).

The Lord Jesus Christ by His suffering and death met every just and holy claim God had against sin. **"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. . . . All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all"** (Isaiah 53:5-6).

God's work of redemption was finished at the cross. The great sin question was settled.

The question now is, What will you do with the Man Christ Jesus?

There is no way to avoid the question. To ignore it or neglect it is to reject Him who died to be your Saviour. Your only hope is to acknowledge that you are a guilty sinner.

While Pilate faced Jesus in his chambers, his wife sent him the following message: **"Have thou nothing to do with that just man"**

(Matthew 27:19). Later Pilate tried to excuse himself by washing his hands before the assembled crowd and saying, **"I am innocent of the blood of this just person"** (Matthew 27:24). They both in their own way tried to avoid the issue. Are you trying to avoid the issue as well? It did not work for them and it will not work for you or me.

We may meet Christ now as our Saviour, or we will face Him after death as our Judge. **"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"** (Hebrews 9:27). **"He [God] hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Jesus Christ]"** (Acts 17:31). I know Him as my Saviour. Do you?

What Will You Do With Jesus?

The question is not, Have you been baptized? Have you joined the church? Are you doing the best you can? Are you sincere? Have you accepted a certain doctrine or creed?

No, it is a divine, living Person, the Son of God, that is before you, the One who said, **"I am the**

way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour? Are you trusting in His shed blood and work on the cross alone for