

What will be there at the end of your life?

toward us, through Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:4,6-7).

Fame and riches were unimportant when Mr. Mendez left this world to stand before God. “That

every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God” (Romans 3:19). Will you admit your guilt before God and turn to Christ for salvation? His loving heart waits to give you a wonderful future in His own home in heaven. **“The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (Romans 6:23).



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Chino Mendez was the most famous race car driver in all of Bolivia-in fact, for many years he was probably better known than the president of the country. He won every race in Bolivia. They didn't race on special racetracks, but they would block off the roads in the country and have their races right on the roads.

We often heard the race cars speed by in the town of Montero since the main street was only a block away from our home. The narrow and crooked street, full of potholes, did not slow down Chino Mendez at all. He could drive down that street at 200 kilometers per hour (124 mph). Everyone cheered him as he won his races and we never met a single school boy that didn't know his name.

received. But God has prepared much more for those who are His children. He has prepared a home in heaven where there is a street of gold for all those who are cleansed from their sins. The Lord Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

We who are saved

from our sins aren't

waiting for a coffin.

We're waiting for the

Lord Jesus to come to

take us to heaven and

to the magnificent

future that is waiting

for us. "God, who is

rich in mercy, for His

great love wherewith

He loved us...hath

raised us up together,

and made us sit to-

gether in heavenly

places in Christ Jesus:

Mr. Mendez had worked for fame and the cheering of the crowd. At the end of his life the very best the country could give to its most famous citizen was a coffin and a place to rest it.

that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness



Mr. Mendez had carefully practiced a

certain corner of the

road in the moun-

tainous city of Co-

chabamba. This was

to be his next race. He

knew just how fast he

could take that corner

and was well prepared

to win another race. When Chino Mendez ar-

rived at that corner in the race, the car before

him had scattered gravel on the road. He turned

the corner at 180 kilometers per hour (112 mph)

and spun out of control and crashed. He never

regained consciousness.

His coffin was carried on the shoulders of

the citizens of Bolivia all the way from the

central plaza to the cemetery. Mr. Mendez had

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What will be there at the end of your life? Are

you working only for money or fame or pleasure? Those who leave God out of their life can expect

no more from this world than Chino Mendez

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