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Condemned Already?

Many people try to force the unpleasant thoughts of death from their mind by assuring themselves, "There's lots of time to think about dying." But God says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Pro. 27:1). The daily news regularly reports sudden deaths—an auto accident—a faulty bridge—an explosion—a plane crash, etc. Tomorrow your name could be listed among the day's victims! Many fear death but it is **what comes after death** that should be feared. God's Word says, "...it is appointed unto men once to die, but **after this the judgment**" (Heb. 9:27).

When you stand before the Divine Judge, what will His verdict be? You need not wait until then to find out. Jesus said, "...**he that believeth not is condemned already**, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). This is the state of all mankind, because "all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). So, unless you have placed your trust in Jesus Christ, **you are under sentence of eternal punishment right now!** But a pardon is offered you. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Take these steps now: **Admit** you are a sinner (Rom. 3:23). **Repent** in prayer with true sorrow for your sinfulness (Is. 55:7). **Believe** God's Word that Jesus Christ is your only Hope and Savior (John 3:16). **Accept** His pardon for your sin (Rom. 10:9, 10). Please contact me for further help in the Lord.

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