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There are many who want to tell you that because of the many religions that there are many ways into heaven. The Bible tells that there is only one way of salvation. There is only one way to be saved!

Acts 4:8-12

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

There is only salvation through Jesus Christ. You cannot believe in Buddha and obtain salvation. Islam will not save you! Mohammad cannot save you! Your only hope is a solid belief in Jesus Christ. Attending church without a solid belief in Jesus Christ will not get you into heaven.

All of you who are reading this sermon who

do not believe in Jesus Christ are dangling by a thread over the pit of hell. The flames of hell are at your feet! You are probably saying that you lead a decent life and that you are not a "big bad sinner". You think that the definition of sin is to be either a murderer, a thief, or some other nefarious being. You need to understand that the definition of sin is unbelief! Jesus Christ went to the cross and was crucified to save you from your sin. If you refuse to totally and thoroughly believe in Jesus as your savior, you are a sinner in dire need of salvation. There is none righteous enough, or who can measure up to Jesus Christ.

No matter how hard you try, you will never measure up to the perfection of Jesus Christ. There are areas in each of our lives that need correction. We all have some failures in our lives.

Romans 3:10-23

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

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15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:
16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:
17 And the way of peace have they not known:
18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.
19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

As you can see, you have no hope and no salvation except through a total and thorough belief in Jesus Christ the Lord. Your righteousness is as filthy rags!

Isaiah 64:6

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

The Lord Jesus Christ sees you trying to measure up and failing miserably. Trying to be as righteous as the Lord is a total failure. You are desperately dirty and filthy in need of salvation. What is your hope of salvation without Jesus Christ? How can you trust in yourself with all of your failings and iniquities? The flames of hell are all around you! The thread that you are hanging on to is fraying and you are slipping closer and closer to the fiery pit. An eternity awaits you of

torture, fire, and damnation! Look at the following description that Jesus tells about one rich man who is suffering the flames of hell.

Luke 16:19-31

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
29 Abraham saith unto him, They have

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Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The rich man thought that he was righteous and didn't need salvation. He had everything that the world had to offer except the salvation of the Lord. He had wealth, prestige, honor, and all of the other attributes that the world honors the rich with. He was lacking the righteousness of the Lord. He didn't believe in the Lord, for he had everything he needed.

The huge majority fall into the category of the rich man. They have what they need, want, and desire. They do not need the Lord and do not think that they need salvation. The truth of the matter is that you along with all of the others are dangling over the pit of hell without realizing the catastrophe of your plight. Everything is going fine and you do not realize your current danger.

You need a savior! You need to be saved! You need Jesus Christ! The thread that you are hanging on to is almost gone. It is frayed and old. You are closer to hell today than you were yesterday. Jesus is seeking you today. Your own arrogance and unbelief will cause you fall into the fiery pit.

There is hope for you, if you will heed the Lord's call. Today is the day of salvation. The hour has arrived for you to repent and seek the Lord's forgiveness. What are you waiting for? Peter told us the way to be saved.

Acts 2:38-41

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.
40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Repentance may seem old fashioned, and weird, but in order to avoid the plight of the rich man with no hope and begging for a single drop of water, you must repent and seek the Lord's forgiveness. You need to ask Jesus to change your wicked ways and cleanse you inside and out. Jesus will change your life. You will become a new creature in Christ when you repent seeking the forgiveness of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

You need the salvation of the Lord, and now is the time to become a new creature in Christ. Tell the Lord that you are sorry for your sin and unbelief. Tell the Lord that you want to become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Seek the Lord while there is still time. Jesus is waiting to hear from you. Call on the Lord today!

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