Watch as they pluck out His beard and spit in His bloody, beaten face. See Jesus in agony as the spikes are driven through His hands and feet as He is lifted up on the cross. The Lord Jesus endured His most horrible suffering when God the Father placed the sin of the world on Him (Isaiah 53:6). Truly, Jesus suffered much. But He did not suffer for His sins, because He had never sinned. 1 Peter 2:22,24-“Who did no sin...(but) bare our sins in His own body on the tree (cross).” Jesus died for the sins of all the world; but friend, you need to realize that Jesus suffered all this for your sins.

After Jesus Christ had made full payment for your sin, He said: “It is finished” (Paid in Full) (John 19:30). He was then buried in a tomb, but arose (came alive) from the dead on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:4).

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Romans 6:23- “For the wages of sin is death.” Let me explain: A person who works hard on his job all week earns or deserves wages for his work, and the wages he receives for his work is money. God says you deserve or have earned wages for your sin, and the wages you deserve for your sin is death. That’s not just the death of your body. The Bible states in Revelation 20:14-15- “Death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 14:10-11- “And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone… and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night.”

4. Though God hates your sin and has to punish it, He loves you so much that He came down to the earth and received the punishment that you as a sinner deserved when He suffered and died on the cross.

Romans 5:8- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Isaiah 53:5-“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.” My friends, picture the Lord Jesus dying for your sins. See Him with the crown of thorns pushed down upon His brow. Watch as numerous men mercilessly drive their fists into the bones of His face. Watch as the whip comes down time and time again upon the Lord Jesus’ body until He barely looks human. Hear the angry crowd mock Him in their unbelief and shout, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

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God is a holy, sin-hating God.

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If you trust being good, doing good works, keeping the ten commandments, attending church regularly, or being faithful in your religion to get you to Heaven, you will certainly go to Hell. These things are good, but they could never get you to Heaven.

Only Christ’s death satisfied God (Isaiah 53:11). We are saved by what Jesus did when He died on the cross, and that alone. If our goodness could get us into Heaven, then WHY DID JESUS DIE? The Bible says in Galatians 2:21 - “For if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Romans 3:20-“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight.” Titus 3:5- “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.” Isaiah 64:6-“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.”
6. Eternal life (going to Heaven) is a GIFT from God to be received, not earned.

Romans 6:23—*The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

John 1:12—*As many as received Him (Jesus), to them gave He power to become the sons of God.*

7. To receive eternal life and be saved from Hell, you must ASK JESUS to save you.

Romans 10:13—*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*When you ask to be saved, two things are absolutely necessary:*  
Acts 20:21b—*Repentance toward God,*  
and *Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1) **REPENTANCE** is to have a change of mind about sin, to change your mind from thinking your sin is not so bad and to realize that your sin is a horrible offense to a holy God. You must be willing to honestly admit your sinful condition. And you must turn from anything that is keeping you from coming to Christ. In Luke 13:3 Jesus said, *“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”*

2) **FAITH** means to trust (depend upon) Jesus Christ **alone** to save you from sin and Hell and take you to Heaven.

To pray a prayer like that without really meaning it will not do a thing for you. You will still go to Hell. But if you have trusted Jesus Christ, He has saved you. You can be sure that you will go to Heaven when you take your last breath and that you have “hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2).

Friend, Jesus wants you to be saved (born again) right now! 2 Corinthians 6:2—*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.*

You could die today. Proverbs 27:1—*Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.* Don’t let anyone or anything keep you from being saved today. Mark 8:36—*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*

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