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I was sitting in my office the other day looking at the newspaper on my computer, reading an article about another law enforcement officer being killed in the line of duty and following up on the story of the funeral and burial. I noticed that not one time did it mention he was a Christian or that he attended a church, but they did note that he did belong to some organizations & clubs. I understand he was a good officer and that he was friendly and that he got along with everyone he knew, but there was nothing about a relationship with Jesus Christ.

I remembered just a couple of months ago, another officer was killed, and the same things were said about him, but there was one big difference, there were testimonies from fellow officers and friends. They said that if it hadn't been for this officer, they would have never heard about Christ. That is what counts! Jesus Christ is the answer. In John 14:6 it says, *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*

As I thought about all the things going on, my mind went to Luke 16 and the story of the beggar Lazarus and the rich man whose name was never mentioned. Both men died. In verses 19-31 it tells that the rich man was lost and in Hell and was able to see the beggar Lazarus in Abraham's bosom afar off. {Yes, hell is a real place! It is for the Devil and his angels, but if you deny Jesus Christ and never trust in him that is where you will spend eternity when you pass away}. It also says that not only could the rich man see, but he also could feel and was thirsty. Look in verse 24, it says, *"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."*

I promise you one thing, if that officer or any other person went to Hell, they would beg someone to go and tell their family and friends. I know that because the rich man asks Abraham to send someone for him in verses 27 & 28.

Then my mind went back to the first officer I mentioned that had died and I wondered if he was saved or not. I thought about the man that killed him. If he wasn't saved, then he went to Hell also! But the question is how do you stand with Jesus Christ? Is there enough evidence to convict you? Do you want to be remembered just as a good old boy and friendly, all-around person? I would, but I also want people to know that I was saved and going to Heaven. I would want my family and friends to tell how they knew my walk with the Lord was a true one and that I wasn't ashamed of being a Christian. In Romans 12:1-2 it says, *"I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."*

If you will think about all I have written, but also think about this. If the man that killed the officer was lost and the officer was lost, that can only mean one thing...they are both in Hell together forever and forever. Can you imagine that?

There is some good that can come out of all of this that is going to ask, "How do you stand?" Are you lost and without Christ? You could be the next one to be killed in a shooting, stabbing, car crash or you could just pass away from natural causes. More importantly, you can have peace through Jesus Christ. The Bible also speaks of eternal life. In John 3:16-17 it says, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."*

You might say that sounds really good, but how do I ask Christ to save me? In Romans 10:9-10 it says, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”* And in verse 13 it says, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

Now, friend, I have given you the information, what are you going to do about your life? Are you going to forget about the truth and die one day without Christ or do something about it right now? I pray that you will accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior before it is eternally too late. It says in 2 Corinthians 6:2b, *“behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”*

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