

An hourglass is shown in a vertical orientation. The top bulb is mostly empty, while the bottom bulb is partially filled with brown sand. The narrow neck in the middle shows a small amount of sand passing through. The background is plain white.

THIS COULD  
BE YOUR LAST  
FIVE MINUTES  
ALIVE

It has been estimated that three people around the world will die every second.\* This means that by the time you finish reading this tract, over nine hundred people will have died. For the next five minutes, I want you to imagine what it would be like if these were your last moments alive. After all, someone in your city will likely die in the next few minutes. It could be you. Why not?

When you die, someone will place a sheet or a blanket over your head. An ambulance may take you to the hospital for an autopsy. The undertaker will be called, and arrangements will be made to place you in a grave. People will come to the funeral and shed tears over your lifeless body. They will look at your cold, blank face and mourn, but you will be gone. They will slowly drive to a cemetery with your body in a casket. At the cemetery, they will carry your casket to a hole in the ground and lower it down. People will cry. The men will cover your casket with dirt and a tombstone. Your name, the date of your birth, and today's date will be on the stone. The people will leave, recover, and perhaps someday, forget that your body is there.

Your five minutes are almost gone, so I must get to the point. When your time is up and you have died, where are you going? We have already decided where your body is going, but what about your soul? Will you be in heaven or hell? Oh, yes, you will be in one place or the other. So in these remaining minutes, I will tell you what to do to get to the place of your choice.

\*Population Institute of the United Nations

If your choice is Hell, do nothing! You have already done enough! *"For the wages of sin is death;..."* (Romans 6:23a) *"The wicked shall be turned into hell..."* (Psalm 9:17)

If however, you choose to go to heaven, you must do several things. First, you must believe you are a sinner. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"* (Romans 3:23)

Secondly, you must believe you deserve to go to hell. *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"* (Romans 5:12)

The third thing that you must do is to repent of your sins. *"... As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live..."* (Ezekiel 33:11)

You must also believe Jesus died to pay for your sins. *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8)

Finally, you need to trust Jesus to be your Saviour. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* (Romans 10:13)

Your time is short in this world. The decision is your own personal responsibility. *"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"* (Hebrews 9:27) I will tell you what you must do to go to heaven. You must acknowledge your sins, repent, and admit that you are a sinner in need of

forgiveness. Confess to God that you know Jesus died for you on the cross, was buried and resurrected, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father. Ask Him to help you turn from your unbelief and to come into your heart and save you for Jesus' sake. *"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."* (Romans 10:9)

Did you receive Him as your Saviour? If you did, and your life ended right now, you would be in heaven for the rest of eternity.

If you have decided to trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour after reading this tract, please write and let us know.

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