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Readings: Luke 6:46-49, 13:24-28; Romans 5:6; Ephesians 3:20-21

Subject: Without

What does it mean to be without? It can be to not have something or be in need of something. It is also used to refer to the position of being outside.

Sometimes it can be inconvenient to be without something but to be without Christ in eternity is an absolute disaster. We understand and do not need to be told about the uncertainty of life, none of us know “[what a day may bring forth](#)” (Prov 27:1). We may make plans yet we could be ushered into eternity at short notice and we need to be prepared for this.

“[Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation](#)”(2 Cor 6:3).

People would not build a house without a foundation yet they face eternity without one. Many try to face eternity their own way, without Christ. The Bible tells us the basis of salvation, the work of the Lord Jesus on the cross. The state of the foundation affects what is above.

Do you have peace in your heart? Do you have peace of mind? You can have peace by taking Christ at His word and trusting Him. “[Without faith it is impossible to please God](#)” (Heb 11:6). You need faith not in a thing but rather in forsaking all and depending on the work of Christ. Faith can be described as: **F**orsaking **A**ll **I** **T**rust **H**im.

When you think of the story of the thief on the cross. He could do nothing but turn to Christ “[Lord remember me](#)” (Luke 23:42). When Peter was on the sea and began to sink he cried “[Lord save me](#)” (Matt 14:30). You need to come to the point of realising you can do nothing for yourself. “[Christ died for the ungodly](#)” (Rom 5:6).

“[Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out](#)” (John 6:37). Those without Christ are without hope (Eph 2:12).

God sent His Son into the world (1 John 4:14), He became a real man but “[Without blemish and without spot](#)” (1 Peter 1:19). The Lord Jesus was “[without sin](#)” (1 Peter 2:22). He had to be free from sin in order that He could die for us on the cross, He did not need to die for Himself. “[The soul that sinneth, it shall die](#)” (Ezek. 18:20). Even one sin would have meant He had to suffer for Himself. He suffered “[without the gate](#)” (Heb 13:12).

What needed to be done to deal with sin was done completely to God's standard at the cross. Salvation is not a case of us confessing each sin one by one, it is on God's basis. “[The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses from all sin](#)” (1 John 1:7). “[Without the shedding of blood is no remission](#)” of sin (Heb 9:22).

Salvation is without money and price, it is a gift to you without cost to you. It cost God the best of heaven – His Son.

You might not have tomorrow, the matter of salvation is urgent. Eternity is without end.

If you end up in the wrong place, hell and the lake of fire, there is no chance of a change or reproof. Do not go from time into eternity without Christ.