

To lose your fortune is bad. To lose your health is worse. But to lose your soul is a loss you can never make up for. An old proverb says, "Money lost, nothing lost. Time lost, much lost. Soul lost, everything lost." Why don't you get prepared right now to meet God? Jesus Christ makes this possible. Without Him, there is neither salvation nor grace, but only condemnation. Yet the Lord does not want anyone to be lost. He wants each one of us to be converted and receive eternal life.

He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely give us all other things? (Romans 8:32).

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered (Psalm 32:1).

Repent therefore and turn to God, that your sins may be blotted out (Acts 3:19).

God has made Jesus to be sin for us, Him who knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Who gave Himself up for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present wicked world, according to the plan of our God and Father (Galatians 1:4).

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13).

To as many as received Him, He gave the power to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in His name (John 1:12).

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO?

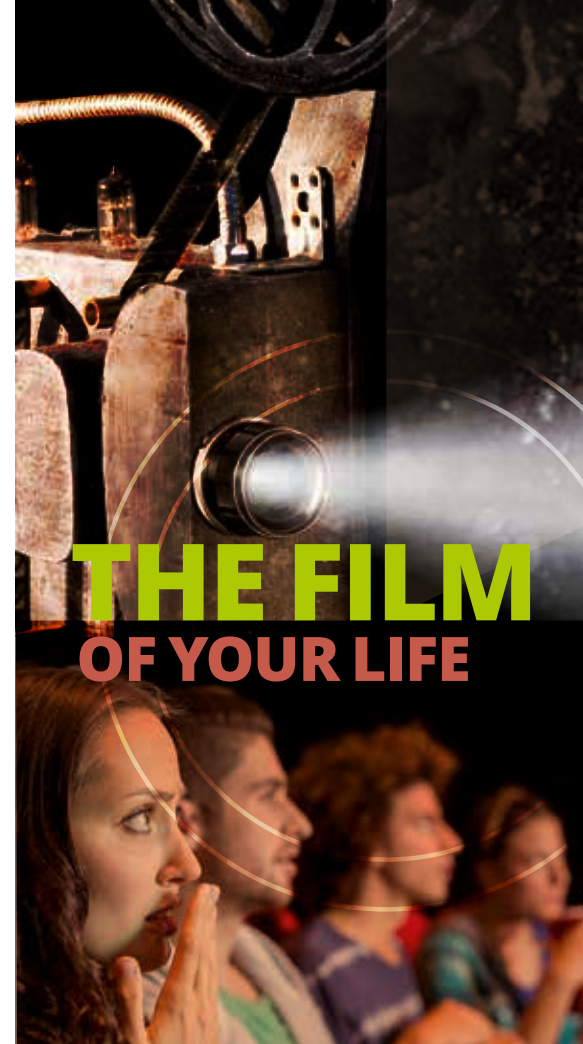
King Henry VIII was on his death bed when his faithful servant, the court fool came into his bedroom. Actually court fools were among the cleverest people of that time. The King said to him, "Friend, it is time for me to leave." – "Where are you going to?" asked the fool. – "I don't know", replied the king. – "When are you coming back?" – "I shall never come back." – "Who is going with you?" – "Nobody" – "Have you got any money?" – "No" – "Have you got anybody to guide you?" – "No" – "How long are you planning to stay there?" – "Forever" – "And that's all you know about your journey?" – "Yes", replied the king. – "Oh king", the fool exclaimed, "you are leaving without knowing where you are going. You

have neither money nor a guide. I thought I was the greatest fool, but now, oh my king, you prove to be a much greater one."

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE HEADING?

Jesus said, "I am going away to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Have you put your hand into His to be lead to Heaven, the place He is preparing? In that case He assures you, "No one can snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28). – On the other hand, let us remind ourselves that eternal hell, eternal separation is waiting for all those who have rejected Jesus' offer of saving them, as we read, "They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:42). – God wants you to be saved, heading for everlasting joy in Heaven. Therefore, "call upon the name of Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (see Romans 10:13). ■

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AS A FILM rolls off its reel so your own life unfolds scene by scene. From the cradle to the grave, your life runs its course. Have you ever thought about the span of human life in regard to eternity? Although our life is made up of a thousand details it represents only a tiny fraction of eternal life.

TOO YOUNG ...

The baby is too young to think about where he came from or where he is going to. At his age, life is pure innocence, play and fun. No worries bother him. To him life is like a beautiful sunny spring day that makes things grow and bloom. Everything has a touch of mystery and the charm of novelty about it.



TOO CAREFREE ...

The boy in elementary school can hardly be expected to know where life comes from and where it leads. He is full of energy and wants to run and play, do sports and have a lot of fun.



TOO SURE ...

The young man is too sure of himself and his abilities, to be bothered with thoughts about eternity. His dream is to have a motorbike or a car with a powerful engine. Nothing can happen to him. He masters life easily and no obstacles can stop him. Why should he think of eternity at all?



TOO HAPPY ...

A young married couple is much too happy to think of God and eternity. Many people passed on good wishes to them for happiness and prosperity, and now they are working towards that goal. In full sail, they have set course on the ocean of life. They think it will be early enough to consider eternity once they are older.



TOO BUSY ...

Man's professional activities take so much of his time that he has no time left to think about God. He



has so many obligations and is kept busy all the time. In order to achieve success, he cannot afford to stand still or to postpone anything. These are his best years, so he has to use them to work, not to meditate on some unknown eternity.

TOO MANY PROBLEMS ...

There are too many problems that worry him now. Life didn't turn out to be everything it had promised to be. Many things ended up quite differently. If only he could start all over again, he would certainly tackle things in a different way. He does not find the peace and leisure to concentrate on anything other than his problems. In his desire to be left alone, he will not face the important questions regarding his soul and his salvation.



TOO OLD ...

Suddenly he is too old to think clearly about deeper spiritual things. Mind and body alike have lost their agility, have become dull and tired. Yet the



old man feels he really ought to do something about his eternal salvation ...

TOO LATE ...

... but the great deceiver of mankind comes along and whispers into his ear, "God is too good to condemn you after all your hard work. Anyway, you are too old now to begin a new life. It's too late. You should have started when you were young. All you can do now is hope for the best and chance it ..."



YOU who have read this, you must face this question, "Where are you going to spend eternity?" The Lord Jesus Christ wants you to think very seriously about it. You won't have any excuse if you miss eternal life now. In the book of Ecclesiastes you can read this, *"Remember now your Creator, in the days of your youth, before the evil days come or the years draw near when you will say, I do not enjoy them any more."* (12:1) ►