

**How To Avoid Death:
One Word – JESUS!
Romans 3: 27-31**

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Sin

Salvation

**Sancti-
fication**

Sovereignty

Service

So Long

A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image, resting on an open book. The book's pages are visible, with some faint, illegible text in the background. The cross is made of two dark brown wooden beams. The overall scene is set against a light, textured background.

John

11:25-26 (niv)

“Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”



"I am the true vine"
JOHN 15:1-5



"I am the bread of life"
JOHN 6:35-48



"I am the way, the truth and the life"
JOHN 14:6



"I am the light of the world"
JOHN 8:12; 9:5

The seven "I AM" statements of Jesus



"I am the resurrection and the life"
JOHN 11:25



"I am the good shepherd"
JOHN 10:11-14



"I am the gate"
JOHN 10:7

**The great "I AM"
came to save
you from the wrath
of God!**

Verse 27

How to avoid death -
By works? *NO WAY!*

What is death?

Scripture never speaks of death as non-existence,
but separation

We are all born dead in our trespasses and sins,
separated from God – we need to be *“born again”*

**Extolling humanity, the creature rather than the Creator,
is what is called *“secular humanism”***

What is a Secular Humanist Worldview?



Worldview Defined

- A **worldview** is the framework from which (or lens through which) we view reality and make sense of life and the world.
- A **personal worldview** is a combination of all you believe to be true, and that becomes the driving force behind every emotion, decision and action. Therefore, it affects your response to every area of life: from **philosophy** to **science**, **theology** and **anthropology** to **economics**, **law**, **politics**, **art** and **social order** — **everything**.

What does a Secular Humanist Worldview Look Like?



In a Secular Humanist worldview:

- Religion (belief in God, belief in the spiritual) is viewed to be harmful, suppressing individual freedom, and is therefore aggressively opposed.
- Morals are based on human experience and needs, not on revelation from God. Morals are situational and not absolute.
- All forms of sexual expression between consenting adults are acceptable.
- Abortion for any cause and euthanasia are acceptable.
- Self-realization is the highest goal of each human.

**The law of works
promotes boasting,
plain and simple!**

**When we boast,
we are walking in
concert with the
great boaster – *Satan!***

Isaiah 14:13-14 NKJV

For you have said in your heart:
I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of
God;
I will also sit on the mount of the
congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
I will ascend above the heights of the
clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'

**There is no place for boasting when you realize
*WHO GOD IS AND THAT GOD HAS DONE IT ALL!!***

Verse 28

How to avoid death –
We are justified by faith, *not by the Law!*

God goes through great pains to tell us our doomed condition

God goes through great pains to tell us how to be rescued from the doom

Plain and simple – Salvation is by grace alone in Christ alone!

It does not matter that the world rails against God; we are to stand fast, *don't give in or give up!*

False gods are mounting their last stand in the world today

Deceiving spirits are permeating every area of the culture

We are to stand in every area of the culture as the ***“RESTRAINER”!!***

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NLT)

ACTS
of the Secret Church

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will **turn away from the true faith**; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. ² These people are hypocrites and liars, and **their consciences are dead**.

QUESTION: Who is in charge of the world system?

You guessed it – Satan!

Our anti-God world is running from the only One who can give them life

Though the majority scream for their way, *screaming does not change the Truth!*

For the first time in the history of modern Olympics, the world screams, “*We don’t want you God!*”



Jesus, our Justifier, died for all!

God still saves; *people can be rescued from the darkness*

QUESTION: What are believers to do?

- 1) **Pray for them**, don't hate them
- 2) Rather than being consumed with rage, as the Spirit moves, ***speak the Truth!***
- 3) Expose the spirit behind these horrific acts; ***this is a spiritual battle!***
- 4) Pray that prisoners of Satan will be ***set free by trusting in Christ!***

Verse 29 - 30

How do we avoid death?

Get in the saved boat – ALL ARE SAVABLE!

We are all in the same boat – the sin boat!

We are also all in the savable boat!

“In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality”
Acts 10: 34

By all means, get in the saved boat – ***JESUS!!***

Verse 31

How to avoid death – FAITH!
Faith does not abolish the Law

A life of faith Gospel establishes the Law; *the Law was given to show us we could not keep it!*

The Law actually proves ***Salvation must be by Faith!***

The Law is perfect, we are not; **the Law cannot save, it can only condemn**

I was born a law breaker; I am still a law breaker –
THANK GOD FOR JESUS!

JESUS' perfection is credited to me by **FAITH alone!**

God views me as perfect, **no longer a law-breaking sinner, *but as a child of God!***

CLOSING: *HOW TO AVOID DEATH - JESUS!*

Facing the future: *What is death?*

- Death: its significance

... it will come not as an executioner but as an usher. It will come not as an end to life but as an entry to eternity. Then we will see Jesus, and we will weep at his scarred feet until he lifts us up and dries out our tears. Then death and dying, sin and sinning, tears and crying, will be no more, and we will shout for joy, "Oh death, where is your victory? Oh death, where is your sting?"

FACT: JESUS entered this sin, misery, chaos and death world to save us from death!

THE FACTS OF SALVATION

▪ **THOSE WHO ARE SAVED ARE NOT OF THE WORLD**

- NO CONFORMITY
- NO IDENTIFICATION
- RADICAL SEPARATION

John 17:14

“I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.”



FACT: JESUS came so that we will never see death!
All who believe don't die – they are LIFED!

All who want to avoid death, separation from God and hell forever, **turn to JESUS!**

JESUS always tells us the Truth!

HE is the Only Way!

HE is our Rescuer!

HE IS OUR ONLY HOPE!

JESUS IS A LIFE-GIVER; Satan is a life-taker, a murderer and a liar!

John 8:44 NIV

- *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

**All who are trapped in the chaos and death of this
life – cry out to JESUS!**

How to avoid death: ONE WORD – JESUS!

The cry of all in the family of God -

“I Just Want To Speak The Name Of JESUS!

***I AM NOT ASHAMED
OF THE NAME OF JESUS!***