

**LIVING HOPE:  
CHOOSING THE ROAD  
LESS TRAVELED**





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Life after death

# LIFE AFTER DEATH

- Alma 9:41 41 Therefore, this life became a probationary state, a time to prepare to meet God, A time to prepare for that endless state which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead.
- Alma 19:83 Now we see that the man had become as God, knowing good and evil, And lest he should put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat and live forever, That the Lord God placed cherubim and the flaming sword that he should not partake of the fruit.  
84 And thus we see that there was a time granted unto man to repent, Yea, a probationary time - A time to repent and serve God.



# CHARLIE KIRK

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“Jesus Christ was God in human flesh. Who first and foremost taught us how to live and secondly and most importantly He was a gift to us; that if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior then we can have eternal life...”

“If we lose life here, it just means we’ve gained eternal life which is everlasting and never ends.”





**WHAT WE  
DESERVE**

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All of us, we are  
all sinners



**JESUS + NOTHING =  
EVERYTHING**



WHO IS  
JESUS  
TO YOU?





## **WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS CHRISTIANS?**

- How do you share the gospel?

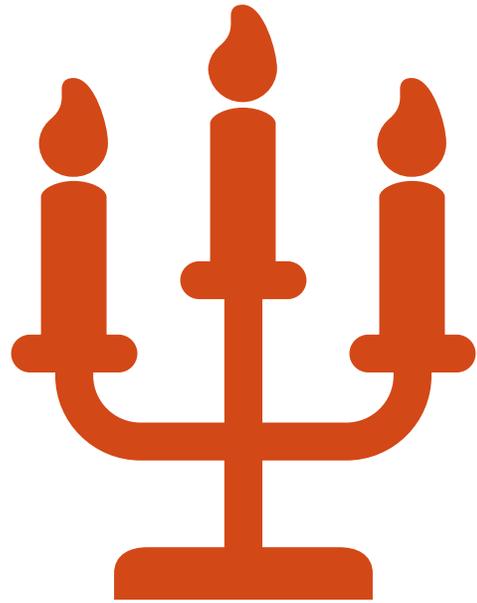




## **THE TRUTH IS**

- Life is hard
- Some people will have immense pain in their lives
- Others will always live a life of poverty





# THE TRUTH IS...

It is about who Christ is to you (us)





# THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

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- Luke 23:40 And one of the malefactors who was crucified with him, railed on him, saying, If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us.
- 41 But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?
- 42 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss.
- 43 And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
- 44 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee; Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.





# THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

- What characteristics did the thief on the cross display?

# THIEF ON THE CROSS

- Demonstrated two important characteristics
  - Recognized and Accepted Christ as His Lord and Savior
  - Repented



# ALMA JR.

- 5 Now behold, I say unto you, if I had not been born of God, I should not have known these things; But God hath by the mouth of His holy angel made these things known unto me, Not of any worthiness of myself, for I went about with the sons of Mosiah seeking to destroy the church of God; But behold, God sent His holy angel to stop us by the way;
- 6 And behold, he spake unto us as it were the voice of thunder, And the whole earth did tremble beneath our feet, And we all fell to the earth, for the fear of the Lord came upon us.
- 7 But behold, the voice said unto me, "Arise!" And I arose and stood up and beheld the angel, And he said unto me: "If thou wilt of thyself be destroyed, seek no more to destroy the church of God!"



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- 8 And it came to pass that I fell to the earth; And it was for the space of three days and three nights that I could not open my mouth, neither had I the use of my limbs;
- 9 And the angel spake more things unto me which were heard by my brethren, but I did not hear them, For when I heard the words - "If thou wilt be destroyed of thyself, seek no more to destroy the church of God!" - I was struck with such great fear and amazement, lest perhaps that I should be destroyed, that I fell to the earth and I did hear no more;
- 10 But I was racked with eternal torment, for my soul was harrowed up to the greatest degree and racked with all my sins - Yea, I did remember all my sins and iniquities, for which I was tormented with the pains of hell,
- 11 Yea, I saw that I had rebelled against my God and that I had not kept His holy commandments, Yea, and I had murdered many of His children, or rather, led them away unto destruction,



# ALMA JR.

- 12 Yea, and in fine, so great had been my iniquities that the very thoughts of coming into the presence of my God did rack my soul with inexpressible horror;
- 13 O, thought I, that I could be banished and become extinct, both soul and body! That I might not be brought to stand in the presence of my God to be judged of my deeds!
- 14 And now, for three days and for three nights was I racked even with the pains of a damned soul.
- 15 And it came to pass that as I was thus racked with torment - while I was harrowed up by the memory of my many sins - Behold, I remembered also to have heard my father prophesy unto the people concerning the coming of one Jesus Christ, a Son of God, to atone for the sins of the world.



# ALMA JR.

- 16 Now, as my mind caught hold upon this thought, I cried within my heart, O Jesus, Thou Son of God, have mercy on me who art in the gall of bitterness and art encircled about by the everlasting chains of death!
- 17 And now behold, when I thought this, I could remember my pains no more, Yea, I was harrowed up by the memory of my sins no more;
- 18 And O, what joy and what marvelous light I did behold! Yea, my soul was filled with joy as exceeding as was my pain; Yea, I say unto you my son, that there can be nothing so exquisite and so bitter as were my pains;
- 19 Yea, and again I say unto you my son, that on the other hand there can be nothing so exquisite and sweet as was my joy.



# EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW

- **Philippians 2:10-11** - 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- **Isaiah 45:23** I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.
- **Mosiah 11:196** - And He will make Himself manifest unto all, Yea, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess before Him;  
197 Yea, even at the last day when all men shall stand to be judged of Him, then shall they confess that He is God;





**WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?**

