**Timely Answers from God’s Word**

**Pr. 15:23 – a person has joy in giving an appropriate answer, and a word at the right time- how good it is!**

**Question for today: What happens to sinners who do not repent of their sins & trust in Jesus Christ?**

**Timely Word for Today**

Rom. 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

1. There is a payment for living a life of sin without repentance & trust in Jesus Christ

*The wages = the payment of sin – Sin pays a wage to the sinner*

Sin pays a person in lost relationship to God – Adam & Eve hid from God in garden

Sin pays a person in hardened heart toward God

Sin pays a person in deceived by passing pleasure of sin

Sin pays a person in life long unfulfillment & lack of satisfaction

Sin pays a person in refusing warnings of God regarding His displeasure with sin

1. There is accountability for living a life of sin without repentance & trust in Jesus Christ

Rom. 14:12 – each of us shall give account of himself to God

Heb. 4:13 – there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked & open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account

1 Pet. 4:5 – they will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living & the dead

1. There is misery & pain in this life because of sin

Prov. 22:5 – thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse

Pro. 5:22 – his own iniquities will capture the wicked, & he will be held with the cords of his sin

1. There is eternal misery & pain for those who never repent & believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

The wages of sin is death – eternal death & misery awaits all who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved

Rev. 20:11 – 15 - then I saw a great white throne & Him who sat on it, from whose presence earth & heaven fled away, & no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great & the small, standing before the throne, & the books were opened, & another book was opened, which is the book of life, & the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds, & the sea gave up the dead which were in it, & death & hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. & if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Living God’s Word**

1. Repent of your sins & be saved
2. Thank God for eternal life through Jesus Christ

**A promise for eternal life**

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