## **MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:**

- > I will memorize 2 Corinthians 5:21 (LB)
- I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- I will invite someone to Easter weekend service
- ➤ I will join the New Life church family

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## BECAUSE OF THE CROSS I'M LIVIN' FORGIVEN

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"One of the criminals hanging beside Jesus hurled insults at him. So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself – and us, too, while you're at it!' But the other criminal rebuked him, Don't you fear God even when you are dying? We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man has not done anything wrong! Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom. And Jesus replied, <u>I assure you</u>, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:39-43 (NLT)

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? 5 FACTS THE DYING MAN KNEW

**1. HE KNEW THAT HE'D FACE GOD AFTER** \_\_\_\_\_ "Don't you fear God even when you are dying?" **Luke 23:40 (NIV)** 

"Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God." Hebrews 9:27 (TEV)

2. HE KNEW HE HAD	AGAINST
GOD.	

"We deserve to die for our evil deeds..." Luke 23:41a (NIV)

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 6:23 (NIV)** 

#### 3. HE KNEW \_\_\_\_\_\_ WAS MORE THAN A MAN.

"...But this man has not done <u>anything</u> wrong!"

Luke 23:41b (NIV)

"There is not a single person in all the earth who is always

good and never sins." Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT)

MEMORY VERSE: God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" 2 Corinthians 5:21 (LB)

**4. HE KNEW THAT ONLY COULD SAVE HIM.** *Then he said, "Jesus, remember me..."* **Luke 23:42a (NIV)** 

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast." **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)** 

# 5. HE KNEW THAT JESUS WOULD \_\_\_\_\_ HIM IF HE ASKED.

"...when you come into your Kingdom." Luke 23:42b (NIV)

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..." Acts 16:31 (NIV)

#### WHAT IS MY ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S WORD

Jesus replied, "<u>I assure you</u>, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43 (NIV)

≻ IT IS	"TODAY"
≻ IT IS	"YOU WILL"
≻ IT IS	"BE WITH ME"
≻ IT IS	"IN PARADISE"

#### WHEN CAN I BE SAVED?

"...This is the hour to receive God's favor; today is the day to be saved!" **2 Corinthians 6:2 (TEV)** 

"Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13 (NLT)