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## THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

### JUST THE FACTS

The Bible contains certain basic facts of which every person should be aware. Here are the facts.

Fact 1: Every accountable person has sinned. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Fact 2: Sin will result in eternal separation from God in hell. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment...." (Matthew 25:46a).

Fact 3: God sent Jesus into the world to shed His precious blood so that sinners could be forgiven of sin and saved from hell. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Fact 4: In order to reach the blood of Christ one must first believe in Jesus as the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of sin (Luke 13:3), confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and be immersed in water into the death of Jesus for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21).

Fact 5: The Lord adds the saved to His spiritual body which is the one church of which He is the one Head. "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body" (Ephesians 5:23).

Fact 6: The saved, having been added to the church of Christ, must remain faithful in serving the Lord to maintain the hope of heaven. "Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10b).

Fact 7: The final judgment will occur at the second coming of Christ. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Dear reader if you accept these facts as the truth what is your response? Have you submitted yourself in obedience to what the Bible teaches as necessary to reach the blood of Jesus and receive the forgiveness of sin and the hope of heaven? Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father** in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Are you sure you have done the will of the Father? You need to make sure. You do not want to be misled and miss the Lord's promise of eternal life. It is not sufficient to just be sincere in what you believe. You must believe and obey God's truth! (John 8:32). Visit [greenplainchurchofchrist.org](http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org).