

Choose Christ NOW, Don't Wait – Kimo Ho'opai, February 4, 2024

As Christians sometimes we think we have a free pass to eternity, it's a daily commitment like going to work, we have to do our job or task and complete it in order to get paid 40 hours a week .

It's our commitment to Christ to give our all each and every day to see eternity.

Love the Lord thy God with all your heart , soul and mind and to Love your neighbor as yourselves.

[Matthew 22:37,39]

2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV *For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."*

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. God offers salvation to all people. Many people put off a decision for Christ, thinking that there will be a better time—but they could easily miss their opportunity altogether. There is no better time than the present to receive God's forgiveness. Don't let anything hold you back from coming to Christ. The right time is now!

Revelation 1:8 NIV *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

Without him you have nothing that is eternal, nothing that can change your life, nothing that can save you from sin. Is the Lord your reason for living, "the Alpha and the Omega" of your life? Honor the one who is the beginning and the end of all existence, wisdom, and power.

John 14:1-6 NIV ¹ *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."*

⁵ *Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*

⁶ *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

The disciples were obviously worried about death and what happens afterward. Jesus' words still comfort us today. We know from what Jesus said that the way to eternal life, though unseen, is secure for us if we trust him with the future. He has already prepared the way to eternal life. The only issue that may still be unsettled is our willingness to believe him. Thomas asked, in effect, "How can we know the way to God?" And Jesus essentially answered, "The way is open through me." Because Jesus is both God and man, he gives us the invitation to heaven. He himself is the entry point, and he paid the full price for us to get there with his own life. By uniting our lives with Jesus' and becoming his followers, we are united with God. Trust Jesus to take you to the Father, and all the benefits of being God's child will be yours.

Paid in Full (Our Boss, God) John 3:16-17 NIV ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

At the Last Judgment, even those who are condemned will recognize Jesus' authority and right to rule.

People can voluntarily choose now to commit their lives to Jesus as Lord, or they will be forced to acknowledge him as Lord when he returns. Christ may return at any moment.

Are you prepared to meet him?

In Closing: Always Pray , Read your Bible, forgive one another and Love everyone.