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An active businessman and church leader was suddenly hospitalized with a serious illness. Before this sickness, he never stopped to think about his relationship with God, or where he would go when he died. But now, his hospital stay gave him time to think, and he was worried.

A Word From A Friend

During visiting hours, an old friend stopped by. When the subject of dying came up, he said, "Like you, I was on death's doorstep a while back. But the thought of meeting God didn't frighten me, because I had already decided to trust in the precious blood of Jesus as the only ticket to heaven."

The sick man raised himself up and said, "I've been thinking a lot about death lately. I don't think I've been religious enough to be sure I'm going to heaven. I'd give all my money if I could just know for sure."

His visitor replied, "Let me set you straight about one thing. Being religious is no ticket to heaven. Religion never gave anybody peace with God, or assurance of heaven. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can do that."

The sick man was bewildered. He had always thought that religion was the very best thing a man could do in this world, and that words like "conversion," "salvation," "born again" and "cleansed by the blood," were simply other words for "religion."

A Word From God

When his friend saw that he was confused and worried, he read to him from the Bible, what the Lord had told Moses in the Land of Egypt: "Every man shall take for himself a lamb ... and shall kill it ... And they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses ... For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Exodus 12:3-13).

"It was the shed blood they trusted in and put on the doorposts, that saved everyone in the house that night. All others, no matter

how good they were, were doomed.”

The sick man sat up suddenly and exclaimed, “I see it now! It’s all in the blood! All these years I trusted my own good works. But now I see that being religious will not help. My only ticket to heaven is to trust in the blood of Christ.”

A Word For You

There are many who think that religion saves. Many are trusting their own good works to get them into heaven. But God clearly declares that only “the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7); and, “without shedding of blood there is no remission (forgiveness)” (Hebrews 9:22). Won’t you trust today in the blood of Jesus Christ as your ticket to heaven?

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