

Where Are They Now...Resting in PEACE?



Actor Jackie Cooper died May 3, 2011, at a nursing facility in Santa Monica, California, at the age of 88. His agent said Mr. Cooper died after a short illness. His attorney added, "He just kinda died of old age. He wore out."

Millions of great leaders and entertainers have already died, including the rich and famous, and common folk like you and me. But, where are they now? Resting in peace? If they obeyed the Word of God, they are!

No matter what you believe about the afterlife, the Word of God has the **TRUE** answer! Your body of flesh will go back to dust...but your spirit, created in the image of God, your Creator, will **NEVER** die!

The **CHOICE** you make before you die will determine where you spend eternity: either with God to live eternally on the newly-created earth (REV 21:1), **OR** everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:15)!

Have you ever considered those who have already died, including your loved ones? Did they confess their sins to God and repent before they died? Or did they die believing whatever they **CHOSE** to believe in?



What did famous men and women like Elizabeth Taylor, Wyatt Earp, Abe Lincoln, Al Capone and Mark Twain believe in before they all died? Hopefully the **TRUTH!**

But remember, "JUDGE [condemn] NOTHING before the time, until the Lord come, who...will

bring to **LIGHT** the **HIDDEN THINGS** of darkness..." (1 COR. 4:5).



Instead, we ought to evaluate ourselves, because "...by [OUR] WORDS [WE] shalt be JUSTIFIED, and by [OUR] WORDS [WE] shalt be CONDEMNED" (MATT. 12:37) after we die.

We die because Adam, the first man, disobeyed God, for "...by ONE MAN SIN ENTERED the world, and DEATH by SIN; and so DEATH PASSED UPON all men, for that ALL HAVE SINNED" (ROMANS 5:12), and since "...the WAGES of SIN is DEATH" (ROMANS 6:23), we all MUST die!



But God sent His Son into the world to do what we **FAILED** to do, that is, keep God's commandment perfectly. The Son of God, "...being found in FASHION as a man, he HUMBLLED HIMSELF, and became OBEDIENT unto DEATH, even the death of the cross" (Philip. 2:8).

All we need to do is **OBEDY** the gospel through repentance. Jesus said, "...he that HEARETH MY WORD, and BELIEVETH on Him that sent me [God the Father], HATH [right now] everlasting life, and SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION; but IS PASSED from DEATH unto LIFE" (JOHN 5:24).

People visit and beautify the graves of their loved ones at cemeteries, many times at great



financial expense. They "talk to them" assuming they are heard, with their loved ones looking down on them from above. But they are unaware that their loved ones cannot hear them.

Their spirits are either in heaven with God their Father or, they are in Hell awaiting judgment because of their **UNBELIEF**.



During the Vietnam war, Nguyễn Văn Lém, a Vietcong prisoner was executed by police chief General Nguyễn Ngọc Loan in February 1968. Loan later died in 1998. Both are now in eternity, but where?

Their memories are still intact, just as your relatives and mine are. Since the **GATE** is **STRAIT**, and the **WAY** is **NARROW** which leads to life everlasting, the Word of God testifies that "**FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT**" (Matt. 7:14).

The sad reality is, there are **MANY** family reunions in Hell because of their **UNBELIEF**: "He that REJECTETH ME, and RECEIVETH NOT my WORDS..." (John 12:48).

The question is, are **YOU prepared to die?**