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## Where Are They Now...Resting in PEACE?



ctor 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 <u>obeyed</u> the Word of God, they are!

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

The **CHOICE** you make before you die will determined 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 <u>believe in</u> before they all died? Hopefully the **TRUTH**!

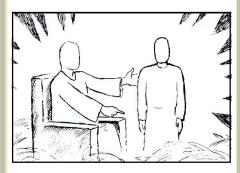
<u>But remember</u>, "JUDGE [condemn] **NOTHING** before the time, until the Lord come, who...will

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 JUSTI-FIED, and by [OUR] WORDS [WE] shalt be CONDEMNED" (MATT. 12:37) after we die.

<u>We die</u> because Adam, the first man, <u>disobeyed God</u>, for "...by ONE MAN <u>SIN</u> ENTERED the world, and DEATH by <u>SIN</u>; and so DEATH PASSED UPON all men, for that ALL HAVE <u>SINNED</u>" (ROMANS 5:12), and since "...the WAGES of <u>SIN</u> 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* **HUMBLED HIMSELF**, *and became* **OBEDIENT** *unto* **DEATH**, *even the death of the cross*" (Philip. 2:8).

All we need to do is **OBEY** 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* 



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

Their <u>spirits</u> 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 **UNBE-LIEF**: "He that **REJECTETH ME**, and **RECEIVETH NOT** my **WORDS**..." (John 12:48).

The question is, are YOU prepared to die?