

# IT'S NOT OVER

## "Today You'll Be With Me in Paradise"

<sup>35</sup> *The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One."* <sup>36</sup> *The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.* <sup>37</sup> *They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"* <sup>38</sup> *A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."* **Luke 23:35-38 (NLT)**

<sup>39</sup> *One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"* <sup>40</sup> *But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?"* <sup>41</sup> *We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong."* <sup>42</sup> *Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."* <sup>43</sup> *And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."* **Luke 23:39-43 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup> **Put me in the scales**, O Lord, so that I may be tested; let the fire make clean my thoughts and my heart.  
**Psalm 26:2 (BBE)**

<sup>27</sup> ...you have been **weighed on scales** and you have been found wanting. **Daniel 5:27 (LEB)**

**Jesus didn't come to start a RELIGION OF RULES, but to establish a RELATIONSHIP OF LOVE!**

<sup>20</sup> *For no one can **ever be made right** with God by doing what the law commands. **The law simply shows us how sinful we are.*** **Romans 3:20 (NLT)**

**GOOD people don't go to heaven, FORGIVEN people do!**

<sup>21</sup> **But now a righteousness** (right standing with God) **from God**, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> *This righteousness from God comes **through faith** in Jesus Christ to **all who believe.***

*There is no difference,<sup>23</sup> for **all have sinned and fall short** of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are **justified freely** by his grace through the **redemption** that came by Christ Jesus.<sup>25</sup> God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in **his blood**. **Romans 3:21-25a (NIV)***

*<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am **the way** and the truth and the life. **No one** comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6 (NIV)***

**EVERYONE is welcome!**  
**EVERYONE gets in the same way!**  
**EVERYONE can meet the requirements!**

*<sup>8</sup> Because of his kindness, you have been saved **through trusting Christ**. And even trusting is **not of yourselves**; it too is **a gift from God**.<sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done, so none of us can take any credit for it. **Ephesians 2:8-9 (TLB)***