Luke 13:1-5 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

(b). Are You Lost.

Luke 19:10 “The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”

An evangelist was holding special meetings for boys and girls. One day after the children’s meeting, little Helen came home, rushed into her father’s study, threw her arms around him, and said, “Daddy, I am a Christian!” “Well, Helen, I am glad to hear that,” said her father. “When did you become a Christian?” “This afternoon, Daddy,” she replied. He asked her to tell him what had occurred. “Oh,” she said, “the evangelist told us that Jesus Christ was there in the room and that, if we would receive Him, He would come in and live in our hearts and make us His own; that He would receive us.” “Well,” he said, “go on; tell me what else happened.” “Why,” she said, “I received Him and Jesus took me in.” “But how do you know that when you received Jesus He took you in?” the father persisted. She gave him a look which he would never forget as she answered, “Why, Daddy, because He said He would!” That’s exactly what it means to believe in the name of Christ—to believe what He is and what He said He would do for us when we receive Him. It is so simple that explanations only serve to complicate it.

(b). Are You Perishing.

John 3:16 John 3:15-16 that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is
longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**ILLUSTRATION: “Every Thing Is Pershing”**

Much sooner than you can anticipate, you will be the silent guest at your own funeral. No doubt there will be relatives and friends present to mourn for you whom you haven’t seen in years. After the preacher delivers a message in your memory, you will be taken to the graveyard, given a final farewell and buried.

The retirement that you spent your life working for will be gone forever. Remember the new car that you worried about scratching? Its new owner just wrecked it! The newlyweds bought your house and have redecorated the room that you had at last decorated to your liking. Your personal belongings have been sorted and some discarded. The dog is making a bed out of your favorite old coat. Other clothes of yours that no one could wear or did not want have been boxed and given to Goodwill. Your personal treasures that were valuable only to you—the carefully preserved flower, the lock of hair, the torn picture, the stained postcard—have been burned as trash.

You attended a number of funerals in your lifetime, but for some reason you just never expected to be lying in the casket yourself. Sure, someday, but not that particular day. “Maybe tomorrow,” you always thought, “but not today.” You remember telling the Lord each time you thought your time was close, “Not this time, Lord. Not today. Maybe tomorrow.”

Sooner or later, everyone runs out of time. Paul states that everyone has an appointment with death and then the judgment (Heb. 9:27). The only time that you can decide whether or not your death will be a blessing is today while you are alive. Today is the day of salvation (2Cor. 6:2). Today is the day to do the Lord’s work. “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all of your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working, nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom” (Eccl. 9:10).

Sooner or later, everyone runs out of time but no one runs out of eternity. Doesn’t it make more sense to spend your time preparing for that which will not perish, rather than squandering your time trying to hold on to that which will not last but will perish with the coming of time?

“Careless soul, O heeds the warning,

For your life will soon be gone;

O how sad to face the judgment

Unprepared to meet thy God.”

Will you be prepared on the day that you run out of time?

(c). Are You Under The Wrath Of God.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. Revelation 6: ... “hid us from the wrath of the Lamb”

**II. THE COMING JUDGMENT MAKES IT EXTREME.**

Verse #1 Jews are talking about the present.
Verse # 2-3 Jesus is talking about what is eternal.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment

II Peter 3:7-14 Read. .... “ Reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

2 Peter 2:4-9 Verse #4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

II Peter 2:5-9 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

WHAT IS THE FINAL JUDGMENT

The final judgment for unbelievers will be eternal. Eternal punishment takes place in hell (the lake of fire, or Gehenna), the place of punishment after death for all those who refuse to repent. In the Bible, three words are used in connection with eternal punishment.

(1) Sheol or "the grave" is used in the Old Testament to mean the place of the dead, generally thought to be under the earth. (See Job 24:19; Ps 16:10; Isa 38:10.)

(2) Hades is the Greek word for the underworld, the realm of the dead. It is the word used in the New Testament for Sheol. (See Matt 16:18; Rev 1:18; 20:13-14.)

(3) Gehenna, or hell, was named after the Valley of Hinnom near Jerusalem where children were sacrificed by fire to the pagan gods (see 2 Kings 23:10; 2 Chron 28:3). This is the place of eternal fire (Matt 5:22; 10:28; Mark 9:43; Luke 12:5; James 3:6; Rev 19:20) prepared for the devil, his angels, and all those who do not believe in God (Matt 25:46; Rev 20:9-10). This is the final and eternal state of the wicked after the Resurrection and the Last Judgment.

When Jesus warns against unbelief, he is trying to save us from agonizing punishment.

See Rev 20:11-15 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done. (Rev 20:12)

1. God's judgment is complete. At the judgment, the books are opened. They represent God's verdict, and in them are recorded the deeds of everyone, good or evil. We are not saved by deeds, but deeds are seen as clear evidence of a person's actual relationship with God. The Book of Life contains the names of those who have put their trust in Christ to save them.

2. God's judgment is final. Death and hades are thrown into the lake of fire. God's judgment is finished. The lake of fire is the ultimate destination of everything wicked -- Satan, the beast, the false prophet, the demons, death, hades, and all those whose names are not recorded in the Book of Life because they did not place their faith in Jesus Christ. John's vision does not permit any gray areas in God's judgment. If by faith we have not identified with Christ, confessing him as Lord, there will be no hope, no second chance, and no other appeal.
III. THE CERTAINTY OF DEATH MAKES IT ESSENTIAL.

Hebrews 9:27 ... “Appointed unto man once to die”

Verse #3-5. JESUS IS SAYING... “The Day will come when you will perish, if you do not repent.”

ILLUSTRATE: George Washington Vanderbilt.... {Baltimore House - Ashley N.C. many, many rooms in the house but death came to the occupants, as it will with all of us}

ILLUSTRATE: Graceland Memphis TN. Elvis Presley ... his motto was T.C.B. “Taking Care Of Business” His jet plane was the “Lissia Maria” named after his daughter. He had 2 Black Hawks Cars in his garage and still death came.

Since death is unavoidable, we should be prepared. All people die physically, but Christ died so that we would not have to die spiritually. We can have wonderful confidence in his saving work for us past, present, and future. He has forgiven our past sin -- when he died on the cross, he sacrificed himself once for all (9:26); he has given us the Holy Spirit to help us deal with present sin; he appears for us now in heaven as our high priest (9:24); and he promises to return (9:28) and raise us to eternal life in a world where sin will be banished forever.

The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour. To lose one’s wealth is sad indeed. To lose one’s health is more. To lose one’s soul is such a loss that no man can restore.

Thirty-nine people died while you read these words. Every hour 5,417 go to meet their Maker. You could have been among them. Sooner or later you will be. Are you ready?

ILLUSTRATE: To The UNBELIEVING JEWS.... Jesus Said:

John 8:21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

IV. THE COMPASSION OF GOD MAKES IT EASY.

Luke 19:10 “The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”

ILLUSTRATE: “It is Finished”......THE WORK HAS BEEN DONE SO YOU CAN COME TO HEAVEN, SIN DEBT HAS BEEN PAID.

Jesus demonstrated compassion. Jesus not only demonstrated great power; he also showed tremendous compassion. Jesus' power over nature, evil spirits, and death was motivated by compassion -- for a demon-possessed man who lived among tombs, for a diseased woman, and for the family of a dead girl. The rabbis of the day considered such people unclean. Polite society avoided them. But Jesus reached out and helped anyone in need.