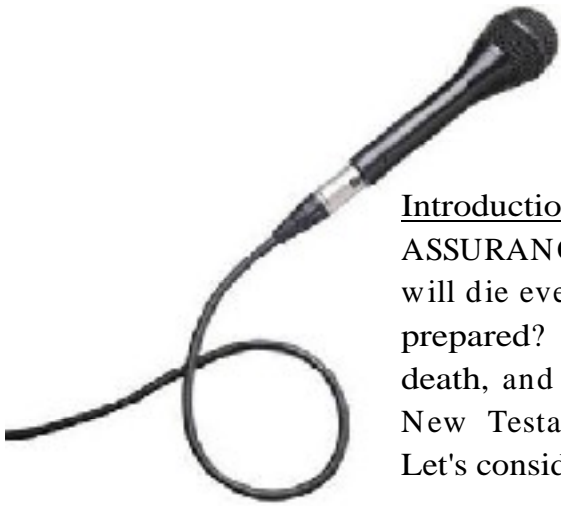


# *The Final Word*

*Sermon by Ray Reynolds (May 27, 2012)*



Introduction: Last Sunday we talked about upgrading our "LIFE ASSURANCE POLICY." We are reminded by Job and Solomon that we will die eventually (**Job 5:26, Ecclesiastes 9:5**). So what can we do to get prepared? While the Old Testament seems somewhat negative regarding death, and being prepared for death, I want us to turn our eyes to the New Testament. I would like for us to turn our eyes to the cross. Let's consider the final words of Jesus together.....

## Discussion:

### ***I. Jesus Offered A Word of Forgiveness***

*"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34*

### ***II. Jesus Offered A Word of Grace***

*"I tell you the truth, today, you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43*

### ***III. Jesus Offered A Word About Family***

*"Dear woman, here is your son." John 19:26*

### ***IV. Jesus Offered A Word About Suffering***

*"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46*

### ***V. Jesus Offered A Word About Humanity***

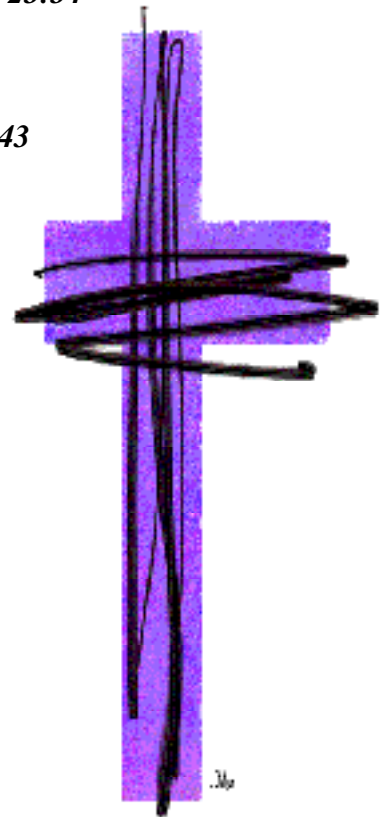
*"I am thirsty" John 19:28*

### ***VI. Jesus Offered A Word of Victory***

*"It is finished." John 19:30*

### ***VII. Jesus Offered A Word of Hope***

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46*



Conclusion: What can we learn from the final words of Jesus? Are you sharing these words with those that surround you? What will your final words be? How will you spend the time that remains in your life? We need to remind ourselves and others that Jesus is the Son of the living God and He died to set us free! His word to us on judgment (Welcome or Depart) will be THE final word! Wouldn't it be wonderful to be prepared for your last day?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "WORD"**