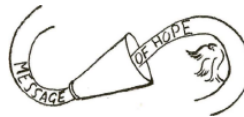


Father, I know that I have broken your laws and my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward you. Please forgive me, and help me avoid sinning again. I believe that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey You, and to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' victorious name I pray, Amen.



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**SUDDEN DEATH**  
**OR**  
**SUDDEN VICTORY**



Growing up in the 1960-70s my favorite sports announcer was Curt Gowdy. He was the trusted voice of the Boston Red Sox for fifteen years and went on to do other sports casting with NBC and ABC. Beyond his alluring voice and gift to involve the audience of fans, there was one unique phase of his broadcasting that I remember clearly.

It was an AFC championship game in 1971 between the Miami Dolphins and KC Chiefs. It went into overtime. Gowdy came against the traditional description of calling it "Sudden Death" and forcefully substituted "Sudden Victory" as the descriptive. Even though his suggestion never caught on culturally, he remained stubborn about calling overtime "Sudden Victory". In any case, it was refreshingly out of the ordinary.

On a more profound level is what the Bible broadcasts as the ultimate game of life. It says life and death is in the power of our tongue and goes on to say - choose life.

Scripture is clear in its play by play. Those who repent of sin and are forgiven in Christ will be victors and those who do not will lose. When we take our last breath on Earth, according to God's Word, each of us will experience Sudden Death (Hell bound) or Sudden Victory - Heaven Bound)

So, friends, here is the good news! The Sudden Victory or Sudden Death regarding Heaven or Hell is not dependent on whether it catches on in group. or cultural acceptance. The "overtime" of our life is a result of our personal choice. Not only that, the outcome is guaranteed according to what God says John 3:16.

All of us will experience death one day. God gives us the amazing privilege as to where we go beyond life here on Earth. If you hear the alluring voice of God calling you, and want to be more than a fan, please recite this prayer and get a free ticket to Sudden Victory.