

## **WE ARE IN THE QUEUE**

When one takes the telephone and dials a number, sometimes the words that greet one's ears are, "You are in the queue, please wait". This invisible queue before the telephone is no less real than the visible queue at a Railway ticket counter. This makes us think of another invisible queue in which all who have lived in this world have stood; it is the queue before death; every man born in this world has had his place in this queue, no matter whether he is great or small, rich or poor. This is the only queue in which one's wait usually ends rather with dismay than joy. But it is to be noted that there have been quite a few who on finding the end of their wait in this queue felt great relief and joy. It is in the Bible and in the world of Christianity that we come across this unique class of people.

It is a historical fact that it was the courage and calmness displayed by Christians in the Roman Empire who suffered great persecutions and became martyrs in the first three centuries that made Emperor Constantine feel a great attraction toward Christianity and was thus led to accept the Christian faith. The great hope and assurance about what happens after death to a person who has accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour is summed up in the verses: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom: 8:1). "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life" (John 5:24). The Word of God declares that those who put their trust in Jesus Christ have eternal life. It is with the assurance of having already received eternal life that

these people stand in the large, invisible queue leading to the threshold of death. Now, my dear friend, you and I have our respective positions in this great invisible queue stretching across villages, towns, provinces, countries, continents and extending over the whole world. Being one who have trusted Jesus Christ and having been saved from the eternal punishment for my sins, let me put this question to you: Have you personally accepted Jesus Christ, who came into this world, died on the cross for your sins, rose from the dead on the third day and ascended to Heaven, as your Lord and Saviour and received forgiveness of sins and eternal life? If you have not, please examine this question further by reading the booklet: **Salvation the Gift of God** in the website: [www.biblestudycentre.net](http://www.biblestudycentre.net) and let yourself be blessed by your Heavenly Father Who loves you and cares for you. I hope you have welcomed this message and you are glad to forward this to others. May God Bless You.

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