

YOU NEED A SUBSTITUTE!

Christ went **forward**, born of a virgin, to be your substitute. His perfect obedience to the law of God was substituted for your disobedience. His substitutionary death paid the penalty for your sin with His blood.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." I Peter 3:18

The cross then is the **center** court in which our eternal destiny pivots. There, suspended between heaven and earth, the mediator between God and man suffered the curse of God's offended law—death!

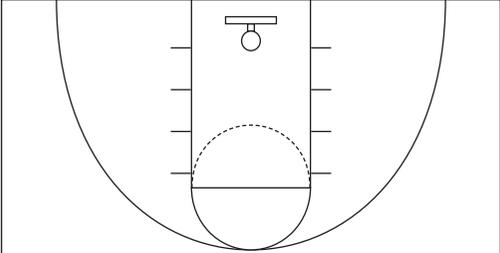
"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." Galatians 3:13

The resurrection of Christ on the third day is the **guard** that declares that Jesus truly is the Son of God and that His substitutionary work fully satisfied the demands of the law.

"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

Romans 1:4

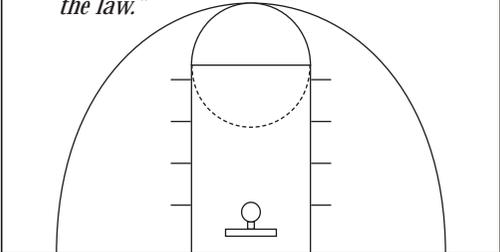
REPENT OF SIN AND



"I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."



"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."



PLACE YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST.

HOW MUCH TIME IS LEFT ON YOUR SHOT CLOCK?

Heaven	Vs.	Hell
John		Luke
3:16		16:23
:45		

In the next forty-five seconds, your response to this Gospel tract could determine your eternal destiny. This may be your last shot to repent and to call upon the Son of God to save you. Why not pray to God now, and by faith accept Christ and His gift of eternal life? Remember, when this life's buzzer sounds, there is no second chance. You have fouled out!

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner, worthy of punishment, but I also know and believe that Jesus paid the price for my sins by shedding His blood on the cross. I believe with all my heart that Jesus died for me, was buried, and the third day arose from the grave. I now put my trust in Him alone as my Savior and ask you, Lord Jesus, to come into my heart to save me. Amen."

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HOW CLOSE ARE YOU TO FOULING OUT?

You be your own referee and check the box(es) of each commandment that you have violated.

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Has God held first place in your life, above the gods of pleasure, sports, money, and ambition?

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

Are spiritual matters more important to you than material things?

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Have you always used the names of Jesus, Christ, and God in a reverent manner?

IV. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Do you set aside time each week to worship God?

HAVE YOU COMMITTED FIVE PERSONAL FOULS?

V. Honor thy father and thy mother.

Have you always shown proper respect for your parents?

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

Have you ever condoned abortion?

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Have you ever engaged in premarital sex or been unfaithful to your spouse?

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

Have you ever stolen anything? Have you ever cheated on a test or plagiarized?

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever slandered someone?

X. Thou shalt not covet.

Have you ever had a strong desire for the possessions of others?

The Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:3–17

HAVE YOU COMMITTED TWO TECHNICAL FOULS?

Adultery: Double-Trouble Violation

“Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

Matthew 5:28

Have you ever lusted? If so, you are an adulterer in God’s eyes because lust is the moral equivalent to adultery.

Murder: Unsportsmanlike Conduct

“Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.”

1 John 3:15

Have you ever hated anyone? If so, God considers you a murderer because your heart attitude is the same as a murderer’s.

Idolatry: The Charging Foul

“Mortify . . . covetousness, which is idolatry.” Colossians 3:5

Have you ever been greedy, covetous, or dissatisfied with your portion in life? If so, God regards you as an idolater because the objects you have strongly desired have taken God’s rightful place in your life.

HAVE YOU FOULED OUT?

Please total your personal and technical fouls and mark them in the scorebook below. In basketball, if you have five personal or two technical fouls, you have fouled out!

Personal fouls:	0	0	0	0	0
Technical fouls:	0	0			
Heaven	<<<<<				>>>>> Hell

You may be a very moral person and still be allowed in the game by Big Ten basketball rules; but according to the Word of God, if you have disobeyed just one of God’s Ten Commandments, you have fouled out and are a member of the ACC (Accused, Convicted, Condemned).

“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” James 2:10

God’s holiness demands that your sin must be punished. Hell is God’s bench of justice for those who have fouled out. Are you perfect, or have you sinned against God? Since you have sinned, do you now realize that you have fouled out?

IF SO . . .