



He Died
TO SAVE

Ayrton Senna was born in Brazil in 1960 and is considered one of the greatest Formula 1 drivers of all time. He won three world championships and skillfully drove his car at speeds exceeding 186 mph (300 km/h). Although he loved the adrenaline rush of racing, he also campaigned for Formula 1 to improve track safety systems to reduce racing risks and prevent driver fatalities.

In those days, it was said that the most thrilling aspect of racing was the danger involved and tragically many drivers lost their lives in accidents. Our lives are like a race fraught with peril. However, the greatest risk one can face is living without Christ and losing one's soul to condemnation. *"There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death"* (Proverbs 14.12 NKJV). Life is short. In an instant, we die and pass into eternity—without warning and without a second chance. *"Man dies...and where is he?"* (Job 14.10 NKJV).

People were looking forward to the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix, expecting Senna to win the title once again. What no one foresaw were the accidents that would occur that weekend. On

Friday, Rubens Barrichello—Senna's friend and teammate—crashed on a corner while traveling at 143 mph (230 km/h) but survived. On Saturday afternoon, Austrian driver Roland Ratzenberger lost his life after crashing on a corner at 195 mph (314 km/h). After inspecting the section of the track where Ratzenberger's accident occurred, Senna became convinced that the circuit's layout was unsafe.

On Sunday, the race was proceeding smoothly until the seventh lap, when Senna lost control of his car on a dangerous corner and crashed into a concrete wall at 135 mph (218 km/h). The experienced driver died a few hours later. Everyone mourned Senna's death, but from that moment on, safety measures in racing were strengthened. Since then, the number of drivers dying in Formula 1 races has dropped drastically.

Senna's death saved many lives, but Christ's death has saved many more. The Bible says, *"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5.7–8 NKJV).

Even though we are sinners and enemies of God, Christ loved us and *"died for our sins"* (1 Corinthians 15.3). Today, God offers us eternal life through His Son. Although we do not deserve it, the Lord Jesus Christ *"is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him"* (Hebrews 7.25 NKJV).

He has already saved me. What about you?

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