

Can I Know That I Am Saved?

- **I would like to do something a little different as we begin this evening. If you are married, would you please raise your hand?**
 - “Now you say you are married, but nothing about you physically changed when you got married. Are you sure you are married?”
 - “Do you always feel married & when you don’t, does that still mean you’re married?”
 - “Can anyone really know for sure if they are married or not?”
- **Now obviously, if you are here this evening & you are married, you understand that there are ways to know for sure if you are married.**
 - You may not always feel the same way as you did on your wedding day, but it doesn’t change the covenant you made, right?
 - We all have times where we disagree from time to time; but even then, you never question the fact that you are married, right?
- **Yet many times when you asked folks, “Do you know you are a Christian,” the response will sometimes be, “Well, I hope so”, or “I hope I have done the right things”.**
 - Even sadder is that often times, people will laugh when they make those statements.
 - The destiny of your eternal soul is no joking matter, and we need to take this matter very seriously as we examine our own lives.
- **I believe that as certain as you are this evening that you are married, according to the Word of God, we can be more certain of our salvation.**
 - There are times where we are more certain over earthly things than the things that God has promised to us & this is part of the work of Satan.
- **What I would like to do this evening, and even if this is for only one person it will be worth it, but I want to share with you how you can know for sure that you are saved.**
 - This is one of the greatest struggles that those in the church have, and this is one struggle I want us to attempt to put an end to.
 - Something as important as our eternal salvation should be nailed down once and for all in each of our lives.

1. God Has Made Us A Promise of Salvation

a. God Is Who He Said He Is

- i. John 14:6 – “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
- ii. Listen, this one verse only casts aside the possibility of doing good works or any amount of good deeds in order to earn Heaven. It simply cannot be done.
- iii. Because of God’s holiness & His sovereignty & more importantly our sinful condition, we can only achieve access to the Father through the ONLY sacrifice that will atone for our sins, and that is His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
 1. I know there are other beliefs & other religions out there that will give other “paths” or other “roads” to Heaven; but according to the Word of God, there is only 1 “path”, and that is the path that Christ laid out for us by His blood.

b. God Will NEVER Break His Promises

- i. Titus 1:1-2 – “Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, **which God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;”
 1. Now let me just say this. We don't understand this concept b/c we are human & we are sinful, but God CANNOT lie. It is against the very nature of God.
 2. So when He says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”, that's exactly what He means. It is a promise. He will not & cannot break that promise.
- ii. God is not a God of confusion & He wants His people, His children, to have certainty of where they are today & more importantly in the future.
 1. I John 5:13 – “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”
 2. Some people have made the statement, “We cant really know if were saved until we get to Heaven.” How foolish! That is not the promised way of the God that we serve.
 3. He wants you & I to have assurance of this great & rich & free salvation.
- iii. Promise Of Adoption
 1. John 1:12 – “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”
- iv. Promise Of Freedom Of Condemnation
 1. John 5:24 – “Verily, verily (Pay Attention, Pay Attention), I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”
 2. In reference to this verse, John Philips said, “We who believe in the Lord Jesus do not have to wait until we are dead and arraigned before the supreme court of the universe to find out what the verdict will be. We need only to consult this verse to find out now. All depends on whether or not we have heard the word of Christ and put our trust in him.”
 3. Once we have passed from death unto life, salvation is a settled matter.
- v. We can be confident of our salvation in part b/c of the unwavering promises of God Himself.

2. We Must Follow His Qualifications

a. Know The Conditions of Salvation

- i. Sometimes we are uncertain of our salvation b/c we are uncertain of what is required.
 1. You will never fulfill your job the way your supervisor intends unless you first understand what is required of you, right?
- ii. Throughout scripture, it is very clear what is needed in order to receive salvation and then we are to do our part in being assured that we have done it.
- iii. Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
 1. I want to be very clear. Many get caught up in the specific words of a prayer & remembering every word of that prayer when it comes to their salvation.

2. The scriptures are overwhelmingly clear that it is nothing that we have done, but it is all b/c of Him. We are saved by His grace & our trust in His provision.
- iv. I Corinthians 15:1, 3-4 – “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

b. Our Faith Rests In Him

- i. John 3:18 – “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”
 1. This verse reminds us that if we believe on Him, we are no longer under the wrath of God.
 2. The only condition required ... FAITH.
- ii. Acts 16:31 – “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”
 1. The scriptures remind us that it is not our works or our words whereby we receive salvation, but by the grace of God.
 2. Our responsibility is to have faith & trust that His death & His blood paid the penalty for our sins.