

Can We Know That We Are Saved?

Salvation in Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith; it is that which our faith is built upon. If we do not know that we are saved from sin and forgiven by God, then we have no certainty of Heaven as our home and will not likely serve Him much on Earth. As a pastor, I work hard, by God's grace, to minister to our church family and the local community. As a Christian, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus to minister in one primary way: making certain that those that care to know are told from the scriptures that they can be certain that their sins are forgiven and that Heaven is their home.

I. The Authority Of This Message

The authority of any messenger is only as good as the authority behind the message. If we go out with a message created by a man then the message would hold little weight with other men. However, if we go out with a message given to us by the God that created the heavens and Earth (***Genesis 1:1***) then the message is a divine one that bears much authority.

The Bible is the only divine book on Earth given from God to Man. It was written over the course of thousands of years by forty authors that lived on three different continents and had little to no collaboration. The Bible was also written in three different languages and yet there exists a distinct unity of thought throughout the whole. This is impossible without divine intervention!

II. The Importance Of This Message

The Lord Jesus Christ created the world by His own hand. He was before all things and by Him all things consist (***Colossians 1:15-17***). Using His authority, the Lord gave His disciples the authority to do His work in His absence (***Matthew 28:18-20***). The work of Christ circled around one major focal point: giving the Gospel to the lost so that they might be saved.

The word *gospel* means *good news*. The only way this message is good news, however, is if we first understand the bad news. The bad news is that every man has rebelled against the God of Heaven (***Romans 3:10-12***). This rebellion casts us as offenders in the sight of a holy God; therefore, judgment must be brought upon our sins.

The good news is that Jesus Christ left His throne of Heaven, humbling Himself to become a servant so that we could be delivered from our offences (***Philippians 2:5-11***). Jesus Christ lived, was tempted, and died as a man and yet was without sin! He paid our sin debt as our substitute on the cross and bore God's wrath upon our sin. He died and rose again to prove that the debt was paid in full; proclaiming that any that will believe in Him would gain eternal life (***John 11:25-26***).

III. The Certainty That Comes From This Message

If the Bible is our authority for faith and practice, then whatever the Bible says goes. It does not matter what a denomination, religious group, pope, tradition, parent, or anyone else declares. Whatever the Scripture states is above any of mankind's attempts to water it down and corrupt it.

If the Bible is our authority for faith and practice, then we can know that we are saved. How can we know? By taking God at His Word. If we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, then we are saved (**Acts 16:31**). It is that simple. There is nothing to add to or take away from it.

Now, believing in Jesus Christ is not easy to do, because it requires us to realize our sinful natures and accept them. It also requires us to realize the person and work of Jesus Christ and accept both. This forces us to humble ourselves before God; confessing that we cannot purchase salvation through religion or good works, because Jesus already did so. It is an offence to our pride and ego; not many are able to do this. However, for those that do believe and accept the free gift of eternal life by faith in Christ, we can know that we are saved!

How can we know? Because, the Scripture says we can know. God is not an unjust, unkind creature that curses us to live in uncertainty of Heaven for the rest of our days on Earth. He is a loving and kind Father that wants His children to live in the certainty of their salvation (**1 John 5:13**). Furthermore, He wants us to know that He is powerful enough to save us and preserve our salvation (**Ephesians 4:30**).

How about you? Do you know that you are saved? Are you 100% certain that Heaven is your home? If you are not, please let us help you. Our God is a great and mighty God that can keep us saved and gives us certainty in it. His Word is clear about it. Please do not live life on Earth in uncertainty, when the answers lie at your fingertips! Come by or give me a call to help you through the scriptures.

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