

aM i sAvED?

"The question, 'Am I saved?' is one of the most important I can ever ask myself. I need to know the answer; I must know the answer. This is not a trifle...Though we are loathe to think much about it or contemplate it deeply, we know, if only intuitively, that the worst catastrophe that could ever befall us is to be visited by God's final punitive wrath." – R.C. SPROUL

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I. dEaTH, jUDgMEnT aNd SALvATIOn

A. dEaTh

Hebrews 9:27 *And just as it is appointed for man to die once....*

- Death is inevitable

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... **Romans 5:18** *Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men**

- The time of our death is unknown.

B. jUDgMEnT

Hebrews 9:27 *...and after that comes judgment,*

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

1. Accurate

Luke 12:2 *Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.*

2. Comprehensive
3. Just
4. Final

C. SALvAtION

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John 5:24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **hears** my word and **believes** him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

II. wHaT aBOuT yOU?

Are you saved? Are you sure that on that day of judgment that your sins will be found forgiven and that you will be welcomed into heaven?

A. doN't rESisT

B. dOn'T bE cAReLEsS

“The most significant danger church kids face is false assurance of salvation – assuming that we are saved even when we are not. We grow up in a Christian culture with Christians all around us – family, church, and friends. Because we do things Christians do and we are surrounded by Christians, we tend to assume we are Christians too. But just as standing in a wheat field doesn’t make someone wheat, being raised in a Christian environment doesn’t make someone a Christian.” – KARL GRAUSTEIN (Growing Up Christian, 33)

C. bE sURe

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

1. Where is my Hope?

Is it in the gospel and the gospel alone?

Is your hope active, today, now?

If you know you're a sinner, know that you need a savior and that Jesus is that Savior and you cry out to God to save you He won't turn you away.

John 6:37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

Romans 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

2. What is my Fruit?

The scriptures are clear that if we are saved the effect will be apparent in our life.

"An unregenerated heart will be apparent in our patterns of ungodly thoughts, words, and actions...regenerated hearts will demonstrate a pattern of god-honoring thoughts, words, and actions." – KARL GRAUSTEIN (Growing Up Christian, 36)

Do I Love God? - Meet with Him, Think of Him, Desire to obey Him, Have genuine affection for Him

Do I Care About God's Word? - Hungry for truth from reading and preaching, Applying that truth to your life

Has My Relationship With Sin Changed? - Are you changing? Growing? Making progress?, Are you serious about battling sin?, How do you respond to correction?

Has My Relationship With The World Changed? - What really excites you? Draws your attention? Money? Possessions? Pursuits? Work? Status? What really gives you joy? What makes life worth living? What is compelling to you?

Do I Love God's People? - Fellowship or just fun, , Serving, Look forward to Sundays, CG and Q222