

Knowing For Sure That You Are Saved (Part 1)

(2 Timothy 1:12)

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In this lesson we are dealing with the subject of knowing for sure that you are saved. Contrary to many teachings that are issued today, Salvation as the word of God plainly states is a know so thing. Knowing for sure that you are saved is essential for two reasons in your life. One is that it brings you great peace and joy and gives you the ability to focus on serving God instead of wondering if you are saved or not all the time. Second it is essential in being able to help others get saved. How can you lead someone to the Lord Jesus Christ if you do not know for sure that you are saved? Therefore knowing that you are saved is a very serious deal.

In 2 Timothy 1:12 we see that Paul says two very important things. First of all he says that he knows whom he has believed in. Secondly he says that he is persuaded that the one he has believed in is able to keep what he has committed unto him against that day. I believe we see two aspects of Salvation in this verse. First we see that Paul is assured he has Salvation because he knows whom he has believed in. This we will deal with in part 1 of this lesson. Next we see that Paul is assured he cannot lose his salvation because the one he believes in is keeping his salvation. This we will deal with in part 2 of the lesson.

Understanding Salvation :

One of the key steps in knowing that you are saved is understanding salvation. Let us take a little time and go through Salvation.

1) Why do we need to be saved? (Romans 3:23)

- The first step in a person getting saved is going to be seeing the need for getting saved. From the above verse we see the need for getting saved and that is that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
- This verse is very plain it says all have sinned that means everyone. It also says that all have come short of the glory of God. What this last part means is that no matter how good you are or how much good you have done the only way to be equal with God is to have NEVER committed a sin period. Therefore even the least little sin will cause you to come short of the glory of God. If you are aiming for a target it doesn't matter whether you miss it by a mile or by a fraction of an inch, a miss is a miss no matter how close.
- Therefore once a person has realized that they sinned and come short of the glory of God they see the need for Salvation.

2) Where did we get this sin nature from? (Romans 5:12)

- We get our sin nature from Adam. Think about it do you have to teach a baby to do wrong? No they are born knowing how to do that. We have to teach them to do right.

3) What is the punishment for sin? (Romans 5:12-14 & Romans 6:23)

- The punishment for sin is death according to these verses. But it is not just physical death that is at stake it is the 2nd death which is eternity in the Lake of Fire (Revelations 20:14-15).

Now that we have seen that all have sinned and are therefore guilty before God and that the punishment for sin is death and the Lake of Fire. Then we must look at Jesus to save us. The question then becomes what can Jesus Christ do for us or why is he the only one who can save us?

1) He never sinned (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)

- This is a great verse for us because it tells us that even though Jesus Christ knew no sin, he became sin for us.
- Jesus was born of a virgin therefore he did not have the sin nature from Adam like we have. Although he was tempted by the devil in all points just as we are he never sinned (**Hebrews 4:14-16**)
- Because he never sinned he became the perfect sacrifice that would please God (**1 Peter 1:18-19**)

2) He died for us (**Romans 5:8**)

- This is interesting because the result of sin is death as we have seen above. But if Jesus Christ had never sinned then why did he die?
- Remember that in **2 Corinthians 5:21** the word of God says that he became sin for us. That is that he took our place and was punished in our place so that we would not have to be.
- In **1 Peter 2:24** the word of God says that Jesus bore our sins in his own body when he was on the cross.
- Jesus Christ took our place and died for us so that we could live he is our substitute and through the shedding of his blood we can be saved from wrath through him (**Romans 5:8-9**)

3) He rose again from the dead (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**)

- Jesus Christ dying on the cross was very important for us but he also had to come out of the grave just as he said he would. The great news is that he did!!
- When Jesus arose he arose victorious over death, hell, and the grave. This is why he says that he has the keys of hell and of death (**Revelations 1:18**).
- He conquered these things for us and he now ever liveth to make intercession on our behalf (**Hebrews 7:25**).

How then are we saved? (**Acts 16:30-31** ; **Romans 10:9-13** ; **Ephesians 2:8-9**)

We are saved by grace through faith believing in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ trusting in his shed blood for the atonement for our sins. You cannot simply believe that Jesus Christ exists but you must believe that he died and rose again and that his shed blood atones for your sins and not your own works.

We then by faith ask him to save us and according to his word he does (**Romans 10:13**). How do we get this faith? It is the gift of God (**Ephesians 2:8**) and it comes from his word (**Romans 10:17**).

I know this sounds too simple to some and many feel that they have to work for it. But remember that if we could earn salvation why would Jesus Christ have had to die. He is the only one who could meet God demand for a sacrifice and he paid our sin debt and through faith in his shed blood alone we can be saved (**John 14:6**).

In the next lesson, part 2 we will discuss why once we are saved we can't lose our salvation because it is in Christ Jesus and he is keeping it and we are not.

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- 1) What is so important about our main verse for this lesson?

- 2) What is one of the key steps to knowing for sure that you are saved?

- 3) For understanding our Salvation, answer the following questions below giving verses for your answers.
 - Why do we need Salvation?
 - Why are we sinners?
 - What is the punishment for sin?

 - List three reasons that Jesus Christ can help us concerning our sin.

- 4) What does this make Jesus Christ for us?

- 5) How then are we saved?

