Saving Thoughts

Tony Mauck · Romans 10:8–10

INTRODUCTION

- While God has provided salvation to anyone who will comply with his will, only those with hearts so inclined will receive the benefits.
- That being so, the thoughts that we entertain are critical in the saving process.
- Their undaunted commitment to Jesus will be the key to an enduring faith.

1 Destructive Thoughts

Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 12:15; Revelation 3:4

- What are some of those thoughts that people have that are destructive? One is, this is what I want.
- The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.
- The issue is never what other people have done or have not done.
- The facts are that nothing is more relevant than this word that was preached. It abides forever.
- I still like it. I'm not going to stop. Whatever it is that sin is providing for you is short-lived and temporary and ultimately unsatisfying.

2 My Life Without God Is Bankrupt

Ephesians 4:17–20; John 14:6

- My life without God is bankrupt. Empty. Hopeless.
- I think one of the first things that drives us to obedience to the Lord and conversion to him is our desperate need for him.
- I need something outside of myself. And what I need is Jesus.
- I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life. No one comes to the Father but through me.

3 I Believe in His Word

John 6:68–69; Isaiah 33:15–16

- I believe in Jesus. And because I believe in Jesus, I believe in his word. And that word contains ultimate wisdom for living.
- This isn't just the message that leads us to heaven, though that would be enough.
- God's word is a message that rescues me from the shallowness and putridity and triviality and incarceration of sin.

4 I've Come to Hate Every False Way

Psalm 119:127–128

- I've come to hate every false way. That comes from Psalm 119.

- I love thy commandments above gold. Yes, above fine gold.
- And therefore I realize that the course of sin is destructive and incarcerating. I need to learn to hate every hurtful way.

5 I Need to Observe God's Wisdom

Matthew 28:20; Ephesians 5:10

- I need to observe God's wisdom. All of his commands I shall observe.
- Teaching them what? To observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.
- And so when I begin to understand things better and grapple with them, I will observe whatever it is.
- We are trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

6 I Need God to Work in My Life

Romans 8:26; Romans 8:34

- Because I believe in Jesus and I belong to Him, I need God to work in my life.
- I need the Spirit interceding for me, as we are promised in Romans 8 and verse 26.
- That's a saving thought. I can't do this on my own.
- And finally, serving God and trusting Him are essential even when I hurt.

THE CHALLENGE

And are you ready to meet the Lord? Have you embraced him with the saving thoughts that lead to the satisfaction of the soul and eternal salvation?

MY NOTES