The Question Few Are Asking

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INTRODUCTION

- The question that I want to examine with you this morning is the question that Saul of Tarsus asked. The question, what shall I do, Lord?
- People aren't responding during invitations. Like they used to.

1 Why Folks Aren't Asking: Simple Distraction

Ephesians 4:17–24; Romans 12:2

- I believe the reason why folks aren't asking the question so much anymore is simple distraction.
- The devil has us distracted with toys and trinkets and technology of all kinds.
- The reason why people aren't asking this question is they're carnal. They are secular in their focus.
- These believers in Ephesus should no longer walk as the Gentiles walk in the futility of their mind.
- People aren't asking the question because they're not concerned about the possibility that sin is on their account, and they are in an undone condition before God.

2 Several Times the Question Was Asked

Acts 16:30; Acts 22:16; Galatians 2:20

- What good things shall I do that I might inherit eternal life?
- They asked, men and brethren, what shall we do.
- He says, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
- Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
- We need to ask the question. What must I do to be saved? What shall I do, Lord?

3 Our Only God and Savior: No Other Name

Jude 1:24–25; Acts 4:12; Acts 10:43

- There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.
- You're hearing this morning about the only source of salvation that exists anywhere.
- Of him all the prophets bear witness that through his name, everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.
- In sin we are lost. And the amazing and remarkable thing about that is that he actually seeks us.

4 Once You Embrace His Solution, He Intercedes

1 John 2:1–2; 1 John 1:8; Hebrews 7:25

- Once you embrace his solution, he intercedes for you.
- If any of us sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins.
- He is able to save forever those who draw near to him. And he ever lives to make intercession for us.

5 I Need Jesus Because He Is My Example

1 Peter 2:21

- I need Jesus because he is my example. He teaches me.
- He left us an example that we should follow in his steps.
- He addresses the problem of the heart where it all begins in the first place. He teaches me how to think.

6 You Need the Lord as Your Helper

Hebrews 13:5–6; 2 Timothy 1:10

- So that we confidently say, the Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?
- Life is too big to handle alone.
- My association with Jesus gives my life meaning.
- God hath brought immortality to light through the gospel.

THE CHALLENGE

Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

MY NOTES