What Do You Think About Your Salvation?

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INTRODUCTION

- A lot of people live their lives plummeting toward eternal destruction without a spiritual safety net.
- This is about you and God. What do you think about your salvation? Are you going to hit God's net when it's all said and done?
- So what they thought about their salvation was not what Jesus thought about it.

1 Careful Analysis of the Text May Not Be Enough

John 5:39–40; Colossians 3:16

- They were meticulous students of the Old Testament. But careful analysis of the text may not be enough.
- We can meticulously work through the text, analyze words and phrases, and still not really get the point of the message.
- The most wise Bible student in our group is the one in whom the word most richly dwells.
- The true wise student is the one who successfully applies what one learns to one's life.
- And that ought always to be the ultimate goal, not just to know, but to live what we know.

2 Your Motives Are Messed Up

John 5:42–44; John 12:42–43; John 7:17

- The reason why you can't see me when you read the Old Testament is because you are approaching religion and your faith with wrong motives.
- As long as your motive is self-promotion, self-exaltation, self-self-self, you're not going to get the point.
- Because it's not about you, it's about God, first of all. And about his son Jesus Christ.
- Jesus was not about getting strokes from men, but pleasing his father.
- Two key motives that you must have. I'm going to glorify God and not myself. I'm going to love God and love others above being self-consumed.

3 What Saving Belief Demands

John 3:16–21; John 6:53; Acts 17:30–31

- Jesus says, If you come to me, you have life.
- Saving belief practices the truth and comes to the light.
- You read John 3, 4, 5, and 6 together, belief is something more than certain convictions that you have.

- If you miss the point, your belief isn't any good.
- Why do you call me Lord, and do not do the things which I say?
- We must acknowledge him as Savior, Christ, as reigning King and Lord and judge.

4 We Exult Through Our Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 5:1–5; Romans 5:6–11

- He died for the ungodly while we were still helpless and evil.
- We, as a result of what Christ did, can exult through our Lord Jesus Christ, because we have received reconciliation.
- Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God.
- We exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and that proven character produces the hope that does not disappoint.
- Because we are now dominated by love. Love for God, love for his cause, love for his people.

THE CHALLENGE

You need to see the world as God sees it. You need to see behavior in the world as God sees it. You need to see yourself as God sees you. Do you match what he sees? Are you certain?

MY NOTES