



RESILIENT

Two Relationships

Matthew 7:21-23



Jesus Calls to Decision

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Romans 10:8-9

But what does it [*i.e.* the righteousness based on faith] say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



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Galatians 2:21 (NASB)

...for if righteousness comes through the Law...

- Religion
- Rule-keeping
- Morality
- Good works
- Doing the best you can

...then Christ died needlessly.



QUESTION:

“Would there be enough evidence in a court of law to convict ME of being a Christian?”



Mark 4:20

But those [seeds] that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.



Romans 4:16

That is why it [*i.e.* being justified and counted righteous in God's eyes] depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,



Luke 13:23-27

And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’



Matthew 15:13

“Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up.”



1 Peter 1:23

... you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable [seed], through the living and abiding word of God;



John 3:3

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”



John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.



Galatians 4:9

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?



2 Corinthians 13:5

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Evidences of Genuine Salvation

1. Have you confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believed in your heart that God raised him from the dead? (Romans 10:9)

Have you personalized John 3:16, that God so loved YOU, that he gave his only Son for YOU, so that YOU should not perish but have eternal life?



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1 Corinthians 8:3

But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.



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4. Do you love God's word, God's people, God's mission, and prayer?



He has known us...

- In repentance, seeking mercy, and receiving it
- In gratitude, blessing his gracious name.
- In adversity, looking for his aid, and enjoying it.
- In reproach, owning his cause under ridicule.
- In difficulty, seeking help and safety under his wing.

Charles Spurgeon



Isaiah 45:22

Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.



“That dying thief, he could not work, his hands were nailed. He could not walk, his feet were nailed. He could not get baptized. He could not take communion. He could not join the church.

But praise God, he could look. That is how he was saved. He looked. Who did he look to? He looked to Jesus. That is the way you are saved!”

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