

News and Notes

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MAKING SURE THAT YOU ARE SAVED!

Do you believe that you are saved? If so, then why do you believe this? Is it because you feel so happy that you know that you must be saved? Or is it because you have met the Bible requirements for salvation and therefore know you are saved? I hope that it is the second reason that you believe you are saved. And yet so many people believe the first reason is why they conclude they are saved. If you carefully read Matthew 7:21-23, you will see it is possible to believe you are saved and yet not be saved at all. Unfortunately for the individuals in this story Jesus told, it wasn't until the judgment day that these individuals found out that they weren't saved. And then it was too late to change their situation. Maybe this describes you today; you think you are saved and yet in reality you are still lost. You don't have to wait until the judgment day to find this out. If you haven't obeyed the gospel, then you are in an unsaved condition. Jesus said in Mark 16:16 that "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Salvation is not found in a feeling, but in doing those things the Bible says you need to do in order to be saved. Jesus said in Luke 13:3 that "...except ye repent, ye shall surely perish." Jesus furthermore said in Matthew 10:32 that if "...ye shall confess me before men, I will confess your name before my Father which is in Heaven." And so we learn from Jesus that you must "believe in Him as the Son of God, repent of your sins, confess Him before men, and be baptized for the remission of your sins" in order to be saved. You may think you are saved, but if you haven't done these things Jesus said, then you are not saved. Don't wait until the judgment day comes to discover that you are in a lost condition. Obey Jesus Christ in the things He says and you can then know without a doubt that you are saved!

Mark Legendre

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUESTIONS:

Philip is the man that had four virgin daughters that prophesied. His family lived in Caesarea. (Acts 21:8-9)

Cyrus is the name of the king of Persia that gave the decree for the Jews to return to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. Isaiah is the prophet that spoke of this decree approximately 200 years before it occurred. (Ezra 1:1-4/Isaiah 44:28 & I

QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH:

What king in the Old Testament held a royal beauty pageant in order to select a new queen? Who was selected to be queen and of what nation did she come? (What was the name of the man who raised this young woman?)

What two Old Testament prophets encouraged the Jews to complete the building of the temple after the return from the Babylonian captivity?

BAPTISM AND THE REMISSION OF SINS!

Acts 2:38 teaches that baptism is "for the remission of sins" and Acts 22:16 says that baptism is in order to "wash away our sins." This is why baptism is necessary for salvation. Without baptism into the death of Christ (Romans 6:3-4), our sins will not be forgiven and we will not be saved! (HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?)

"CASTING YOUR CARES ON HIM!"

"Casting all your care (anxiety) upon Him; for He careth for you." (1st Peter 5:7)

Has the thought ever been impressed upon our thinking that "God cares for me?" Many seem to have forgotten this important teaching from the word of God. The Psalmist says, "Cast thy burden upon Jehovah and He will sustain thee. He will never suffer the righteous to be moved." (Psalms 55:22) Not only does Jehovah care for us, but also He pleads for us to take our cares and anxieties to Him. Jesus put this teaching in these words, "Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or wherewithal shall we be clothed?...for your Father knoweth that you have need of all these things." (Matthew 6:31-32) We are to commit our whole existence to Him.

God has promised to care for His children. As we consider the wonders of Heaven and how wonderful it will be to be there, we often fail to remember that Jehovah has offered to assist us while we continue to tabernacle in the flesh. This life is sometimes filled with disappointments and trials, but the child of God has One who will stand by and comfort in these times. Those of the world do not have the peace of mind during times of anxiety, as do Christians. Thus, those who are to cast their cares on Him are limited to His children. It should make us desire even more to be a faithful child of God so that we will have the exalted privilege of taking our cares unto the Eternal Father in Heaven.

To those who are reading this, but are not in covenant relationship with Jehovah, we plead with you that you obey Jesus Christ in order to receive the blessing of having a Father who cares for you enough to lift the cares from your shoulders. If we would expect the protection of the Father, we must be willing to obey Him; to become one of His "called out", to say, "speak Lord, your servant heareth." Peter was writing to the "elect" (Christians) when he told them that God cares for them and for them to cast their cares upon Him.

Christians should not go about worrying at everything, but should be happy, content. You are a child of God. You are in Christ.

Jack Thompson