

IMPORTANT INFO

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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Questioning One's Salvation

In preparation to teach our high school class about the beliefs of the various denominational bodies, I have noticed one common and consistent practice among them. While most denominations varies widely in their unique doctrines, when it comes to the plan of salvation they mostly agree on the doctrine of faith only. Typically associated with this teaching is a statement regarding their acceptance of other denominational bodies as part of the church as a whole. They will then state that they will gladly accept into their membership those from other denominations. This statement is usually accompanied with the idea that the denomination doesn't question the salvation of those in other denominations. So, in this study we want to answer the question, "Does the Bible teach that we ought to question our salvation and the salvation of others?"

It should be noted that Jesus' ministry involved questioning the salvation of others. Jesus' primary work was to teach and preach the gospel to the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24). These were God's covenant people, yet Jesus

called them "lost sheep." Because their salvation was in jeopardy, Jesus appropriately told them to "repent or perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). In fact, upon multiple occasions Jesus called for their repentance (Matthew 4:17, 9:13, 11:20-21, Luke 15:7,10) and even declared to them that they would be lost if they did not (Luke 10:12-14). Remember, these were Jesus' fellow Jews, and yet, He questioned their salvation.



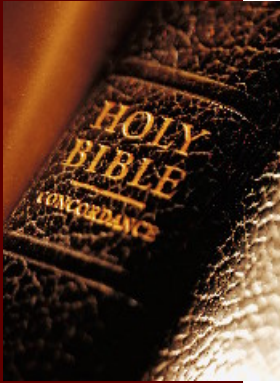
The apostles also questioned the salvation of those who were saved. Consider the example of Simon the Sorcerer. In Acts 8:13 we have this statement: "Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done." Simon was a believer; Simon was baptized. According to Mark 16:16,

Simon was saved. However, not long after this Peter questioned Simon's salvation when Simon sought to purchase the ability to bestow miracles. Peter said to Simon, "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts 8:21-23). Simon was a Christian, yet his salvation was questioned.

Consider also the frequent words of warning that Paul gives regarding over confidence toward salvation. 1 Corinthians 10:12 states "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 2 Corinthians 13:5 says "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reborn?" And there were some that became reprobate to the faith. Consider Paul's words to Timothy regarding Hymenaeus and Alexander.

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Bible Studies for the Week of February 26th, 2006



AM Sermon..... "Be Ye Reconciled!"
 Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 PM Sermon Who do you love?
 Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:1-5
 Sunday Class The Book of Matthew
 Wednesday Class Minor Prophets: Zechariah
 Ladies Bible Class The Book of 2 Timothy
 Nursing Home Bible Study The Book of Luke

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Questioning ... (cont.)

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He said that they had put away a good conscience and made shipwreck of the faith (1 Timothy 1:19-20). Yes, he questioned their salvation!

Moreover, there are also some who think they are saved when they haven't been. We must question the "salvation" of these as well. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Here are some who thought they were saved when they were not; would it not have been better for them to have had someone question their "salvation?" Wouldn't someone who isn't really saved be eternally grateful if we will simply question whether or not they are saved to ensure that they are doing the will of the Father? I would think they would.

I'm sure that those in the denominational world who fail to question the salvation of others think that they are doing them a great service. However, they are actually doing them great harm. A true Christian friend will encourage someone to examine their life by comparing it to the teaching that is found in the Bible and also to make correction where correction needs to be made. Ques-

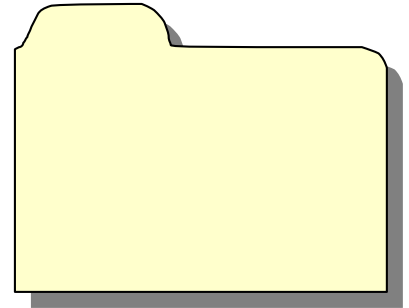
tioning someone's salvation isn't an act of betrayal, it's an act of love; it's an act that just may lift someone out of hell and into heaven (Galatians 6:1). Are you sure you're saved?

God's Minute

You have only just a minute, Only sixty seconds in it. It is forced upon you; You cannot refuse it. You did not seek it; You did not choose it, but it is upon you to use it. You will suffer if you lose it; you must give account if you abuse it. Just a tiny little minute, but eternity is in it.

For The Files: February 19th, 2006

Sunday Bible Class.....	31
Sunday AM Worship	41
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Night Study	45
Contribution.....	\$843.51
Budget.....	\$1743.39



Kevin's Korner

There was some progress made on the garage this past week. The electricians came this past Monday and installed all of the wiring for the new setup. Having electricity in the room will be such a wonderful convenience. They also ran a telephone line and a television hook up line into the room as well, but that's all the progress that we made this week. The plumber came by to look over the situation, but he didn't do any work, so that meant that we didn't do any additional construction work yesterday either. Nevertheless, we will press forward as we have opportunity and the job will eventually be done!

This coming Friday I will be going out of town for a gospel meeting. I will be in DeLeon, TX for a week and return the following Friday. Bill Fort and one of the other men of the congregation are going to preach in my absence. As al-

ways I do so appreciate you looking out for Mary Lynn and the boys while I am away.

Ken Smith and I resumed our racquetball playing this past Friday. He trailed hard in the first game, which I won, but battled back to victory in the second and third games. I think I finally wore him out, though, as I was able to pull out the fourth game for a two games to two overall tie. We will be playing again soon. I have no doubts that Ken will whoop up on me pretty seriously once he gets his racquetball legs back after having been gone on his trips as he has been lately.

I mentioned that the electricians had wired up the garage and that having electricity was a marvelous convenience. The advent of electricity has brought us many other conveniences: refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers, computers, indoor heating and air condi-

tioning, and many other wonderful things that really make our lives a lot easier. What a blessing it is to live in such a technologically marvelous age. With such blessings, however, also comes inherent responsibility. We have responsibilities to our families to keep them fed, safe, and well. We have responsibilities to our friends and neighbors to exercise within our lives Christian hospitality. And we have responsibility toward God to carry forth His will in our life. No other generation can boast the increased productivity that we can boast due to these conveniences. It reminds me of one of the songs we frequently sing: Swiftly we're turning life's daily pages, / Swiftly the hours are changing to years; / How are we using God's golden moments? / Shall we reap glory? Shall we reap tears?

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Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Ruth Hill, Janice Keck, Wilma Morris, Bill Powell, Moises Umana.
- We have received several flyers in the mail announcing health related community activities. If you are interested in any of these events, please see the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting is next Sunday evening after services. If you have items to go on the agenda, please see one of these men.
- There will be no Bible study at the nursing home this Thursday due to their monthly birthday party, but you are welcome to join them for some cake.
- Individual's scheduled to serve for the month of March are: Bob Moore, Announcements; Dan Hand, Worship Coordinator; Wanda Bozarth and Donna Brown, Communion Preparation; Ken Smith and Jerry Roller, Communion Carry; Ken Smith and Bruce Foster, Outreach Coordinators.
- Please be sure to check the copy room for any outreach assignments that you may have.
- Our pantry item is: Canned Chicken. (BAWK!)

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:.....	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:00 PM
Wed. Ladies Bible Class:	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:	7:00 PM

Serving Each Other

February 26th, 2006

March 5th, 2006

Sunday Morning

Songs:

Ken Smith

Ken Smith

Preaching:

Kevin Cauley

Bill Fort

Opening Prayer:

Michael Morrell

George Eddings

Scripture Reading:

Brandon Foster

Dan Hand

Lord's Table

Leon Duncan

Clay Bozarth

Glenn Williams

Glenn Quigley

(assist)

Rusty Windle

Matthew Morrell

Matthew Morrell

Ray Duncan

Closing Prayer

Jerry Roller

Michael Morrell

Sunday Evening

Songs:

Clay Bozarth

Glenn Williams

Preaching:

Kevin Cauley

TBA

Opening Prayer:

Dan Hand

Rusty Windle

Scripture Reading:

John Gass

Jerry Roller

Lord's Table

Dale Pinkley

Ervin Hand

George Eddings

Michael Morrell

Closing Prayer

Jack Gentry

Bob Moore

Wednesday

Songs:

Bruce Foster

Bruce Foster

Opening Prayer:

Dale Pinkley

Bill Fort

Invitation:

Kevin Cauley

Rusty Windle

Closing Prayer:

Ray Duncan

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