

What Assurance Do I Have of Life Eternal?

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Evening

- e) God is finished Now it's Your Turn!
- 2) Man's Part
 - a) Hear – Rom 10:17
 - b) Believe – Mark 16:15-16
 - c) Repent – Acts 17:31
 - d) Confess – Rom 10:9-10
 - e) Be Baptized – 1Pet 3:21
 - f) Remain Faithful – 1Cor 15:58

Conclusion:

A) Review Points:

B) Knowing these things ought to give us Faith like the women with the issue of blood for 12 years.

- 1) We know much more of Christ than she did.
- 2) Yet she was undoubting in her Faith in Christ.

C) Christ did Part Now its Your Turn!

- (1) Acts 2:38
- (2) Acts 22:16

B) Illustration

- 1) A father finds out that his son and daughter in law are going to be kicked out of their apartment.
 - a) Times had been rough and the son had lost his job.
 - b) With them unable to pay the rent the landlord had no other choice but to evict them.
- 2) But the father goes down to the landlord, pays for the late rent.
 - a) Then he goes out and buys his son:
 - (1) A house
 - (2) A car
 - (3) A boat
 - (4) A maid
 - (5) Pays all of the utilities for the rest of his life.
 - b) The son and daughter in law are overcome with joy and a great sense of debt.
- 3) This illustration fails in comparison to what our Father did for us.
 - a) He gave His only begotten Son to die for us.
 - b) To suffer ridicule for us.
 - c) To be scourged for us.
 - d) To be spit upon for us.
 - e) All because of each one of our individual sins.
 - f) Romans 5:8-12

C) Application

- 1) God did His part
 - a) God sent His Son – John 3:16
 - b) He came to save man – Lk 19:10
 - c) He died for man – John 3:16
 - d) God gave us His Word – 2Tim 3:16

Thesis: Assurance should build stronger Faith!

Text:

Intro:

Discussion:

I) Claim.

A) Scripture -- John 14:1-4 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

- 1) Jesus speaking to his disciples assures them that if they are faithful he will return to take them to heaven.
- 2) At this time no doubt these people are very troubled because their leader will leave them soon.
 - a) And just like a good leader He gives them something to hold on to.
 - b) Something for them to stand upon.

B) Illustration

- 1) Parents prepare for the coming of a child
- 2) When they pick up the baby at the hospital they only take their child home.
 - a) Don't you want to be picked up on that last day?
 - b) Don't you want to belong to that Family?

C) Application

- 1) Jesus Christ is coming back for us.
 - a) John 14:3

- b) He is coming to bring to heaven those for whom he has prepared a place.
 - c) For those who have made the necessary preparations in this life.
 - d) For those who have obeyed the Gospel.
- 2) How does Christ's claim affect your faith?

II) Commitment.

A) Scripture – Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

- 1) The characteristic of Commitment is seen throughout the scriptures, but never so much as in the life of Christ.
- 2) He knew what was going to happen to Him.
- 3) Look at Jonah
 - a) He knew what he had to do for people who he felt didn't deserve to be spared and he ran from it.
 - b) It didn't even require his life.
- 4) Christ knew He was going to suffer tremendously but went on to the cross.
- 5) He was Committed!

B) Illustration

- 1) When I think of the word committed I think of the picture of the White Crain and the Frog.
- 2) The picture is on the cover of brother Bob Spurlin's book "Don't Ever Give Up!"
 - a) The picture depicts a Crain that has begun to swallow a frog.
 - b) But the frog has his hands on the bird's throat squashing it so that the bird can't swallow him.

C) Application

- 1) Christ's overwhelming commitment to save your soul should affect you.
 - a) When someone does something for you it should make you feel good inside, right!
 - b) And at the same time it should make you want to do something in turn for them.

- 2) Christ has asked us to show him that we love him (John 14:15).
 - a) Obey His Gospel so we can be saved from Hells flames
 - b) And remain committed.
 - c) Revelation 2:10b be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

III) Cross.

A) Scripture -- John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

- 1) When the comforter would come that would indicate that Christ had completed his mission.
 - a) And what was His mission?
 - b) Was it to preach to every person on the planet?
 - (1) No.
 - (2) That is our job – Matt 28:18-20
 - c) Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
 - d) Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
 - e) Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- 2) The Holy Spirit definitely lived up to the name that Christ used here "Comforter".
 - a) For He brought reassuring news to them of the things that Christ had told them.
 - b) And that men and women could be saved because of Christ's Sacrifice