

GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT

“I Lose Nothing”

Scripture Reading: JOHN 6:35-40

-) **SLIDES 1-6.** Bible Jeopardy!
-) **SLIDES 7-8.** Read today’s Scripture text.
-) **SLIDE 9.** I have titled today’s message *“I Lose Nothing”* (v39).
-) I had all intentions of moving onto something new this morning. But this past Wednesday I ran into a friend. I’ll call him Pete. And that divine appointment changed my message for this morning. Tell story. *“Are you assured of your salvation?”*
-) **SLIDE 10.** Last week I asked if you might be questioning your salvation. And I said that might be a good thing. How can that be a good thing? 2COR 13:5. Because we test ourselves. And in the process of testing ourselves, we will remember what brought us to that point of salvation in the first place (the gospel). That should ease our minds and convict us about the assurance of our salvation.
-) Beech Grove, it’s test time. Let’s review the gospel.
-) **SLIDE 11.** The six gospel truths.
-) **SLIDE 12.** The three Christian responses (fruits) of believing the gospel. Remember, the demons believe and shudder.
-) Did you pass the test? Feeling good about your salvation? The answer to the question that I asked Pete *“Are you assured of your salvation?”* is not *“I think so.”* The answer to the question is *“Yes, I am assured of my salvation because ...”*
-) I want us to have joy here this morning over the assurance of the salvation that we have in Christ. Let’s be sure. Let’s have joy. Let’s stand on His promises and not on our efforts.

-) **SLIDE 13-15.** JOHN 3:36; 5:24; 6:47. Common thread.
-) Eternal life begins the moment you are born again by the Holy Spirit—the moment you first believed. In the true believer’s life there is a moment of Spiritual birth. Theologians call this rebirth “*regeneration.*” Do not think eternal life is only a future tense promise. It is also a present tense reality. We need to remember that. We **HAVE** eternal life.
-) **SLIDE 16.** “*Because I **HAVE** eternal life.*”
-) **SLIDE 17.** JOHN 6:39. Explain God giving Jesus a bride (church). Folks, we might lose our car keys or we might lose the good health we once had, but we will never lose our eternal life. Explain raise up on last day.
-) **SLIDE 18.** “*Because Christ will never **LOSE** me.*”
-) **SLIDE 19.** JOHN 10:27-29. No one can snatch us out of the hand of the Father or the Son. Explain.
-) **SLIDE 20.** “*Because I am **SECURE** in His hands.*”
-) **SLIDE 21.** PHIL 1:6. This goes along with HEBREWS 12:2 which says Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith.
-) **SLIDE 22.** “*Because God will **COMPLETE** what He started.*”
-) **SLIDE 23.** 1 PETER 1:3-5. Our inheritance (our salvation) is imperishable, undefiled, and will never fade away.
-) **SLIDE 24.** “*Because my inheritance is protected by the **POWER** of God.*”
-) **SLIDE 25.** ROMANS 8:1. Separate us? Tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-) **SLIDE 26.** “*Because nothing can **CONDEMN** me.*”
-) **SLIDE 27.** The gospel. Do you have the gospel right?
-) **SLIDE 28.** Are you displaying the right Biblical responses to hearing and believing in the gospel? Even the demons believe.
-) So, why was Pete, who is a very good church-going man, not confident and assured of his salvation? Was he not taught the Biblical assurance of the Christian faith? Possibly. Was he not paying attention when it was taught? Possibly. Could the news of his probable passing in three months blur his thinking? Possibly. Or possibly Pete is not saved at all. Possibly Pete is one of the many and not one of the few.
-) I’m glad I was in this sermon series because it was fresh in my mind and I had the opportunity of sharing the gospel with Pete. I told him that Christ has done all the work. Now, where he goes with these truths from here is up to him.
-) **SLIDE 29.** HEBREWS 11:1. I am convicted of a cross. I am convicted of a resurrection. I am convicted of the words and identity of Jesus Christ. I am convicted that I am a sinner. I am convicted in the truth of the gospel.
-) So, what does faith in those convictions get me? The assurance of things hoped for. And my hope is eternal life.
-) **SLIDE 30.** BGCC, have assurance of your salvation and have joy in that assurance. If someone ever asks you, “*Are you assured of your salvation?*” Your response must be... Read.
-) I have placed my saving faith in the gospel. Now isn’t that good news?

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