

Revelation Transition From sermon 4.7.19

Read John 5:24 & 1 John 5:13

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: the biblical study of hell can be unsettling. It's so scary, we can sometimes question our salvation. The Bible lists may evidences of a redeemed life. We cannot rely merely on an experience or emotion as proof of salvation.

The message stated that assurance of salvation can be found in how we view three things. What were those three?

1. My View of God ____--See also Hebrews 11:6, Matthew 16:13-17, & 1 Corinthians 12:3

2. My View of Sin ____-- Luke 18:9 & 1 Timothy 1:15

What are some things the Bible says a real Christian will love? <u>Various answers. But, include: a love for the Word of God, a heart for the Church...worship, fellowship, giving, ministry. A longing for heaven vs. a love for this world</u>

What are some things saved people will hate? <u>Various answers.</u> The world system, it's passing pleasures, our own sin and old life. Unaddressed in the Church.

Check out the following Scriptures. Note what each states as evidence of salvation. Discuss.

Luke 6:43-45—our language and speech is one of the greatest indicators of the heart *John 14:15*—obedient lives

Galatians 5:19-24— rejecting and avoiding sinful actions/our old self. A growing and maturing of the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control...

One of the proofs of a redeemed life is not relinquishing control of ourselves to anything but Christ. What are some things that rule the lives of the unsaved?

- Romans 6:14— <u>sin</u>
- Ephesians 5:18— alcohol/drugs/any substance
- Proverbs 22:7— debt
- *Matthew 6:24*—money, stuff, wealth
- Luke 6:26—Approval of Others
- Proverbs 29:11—emotions, feelings, anger

Does it mean a saved person will never sin/never slip temporarily into worldliness? Not at all. We will always struggle with sin and temptation.

What does it mean, then, to be saved but not yet perfect? <u>I hate my sin. I repent right away—confess it to God and make all needed changes (new friends, new activities, new environment). I address the areas of my life where I'm most vulnerable. I run to Christ, not from Him. <u>I seek forgiveness from God and those I've harmed. I grant forgiveness, even if undeserved.</u></u>