

Five Things God Wants You To Know



My friend, the Word of God reveals the Mind of God. The desire of God for the salvation of man is revealed time and time again in the Scriptures, (II Pet. 3:5; I Tim. 2:4; John 3:16). Make no mistake, God loves your soul and has made available to you, free of charge, as a gift, a WAY to escape the "wages of sin." Christ, in view of His death for the sinner's sins (I Pet. 2:24) and His Resurrection for the sinner's justification (Rom. 4:25), said: "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." John 14:6. This is plain talk, too plain to be misunderstood.

Listed herein are 5 things God wants you to know and believe in your heart. If you value your soul in the light of eternity, please read and consider them.

I. You Must Know That You Are Lost

Only those who honestly admit in their heart they are lost, will be saved. As one must first realize his sick condition before going to or calling a physician, so you must first realize your lost condition before you will truly desire a Savior. You, as a lost person, occupy dangerous ground. Notice God's supernatural view of ALL lost mankind, which, of course, includes you.

- Wandered from God — Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:11b and Rom. 3:12a.
- Guilty before God — Rom. 3:19.
- Ungodly before God — Rom. 5:6, no regard for God in all things they do.
- Condemned before God — John 3:18; Rom. 5:18.
- Rebels before God — Rom. 1:32.
- Spiritually dead before God — Eph. 2:1; John 5:24; II Cor. 5:14.
- Enemies of God — Rom. 5:10; Col. 1:21.
- Sinners before God — Rom. 3:23; Rom. 5:8.

My friend, are you willing to admit in your heart before God, that He speaks the truth about you? You MUST in order to be saved. Only those who see themselves as God sees them, will ever be saved.

II. You Must Know That Your Own Works Cannot Save You

Salvation is the gift of God. If man could save himself by works why then did Christ have to suffer and die for him? Christ performed all the "work" needed for our salvation; we cannot perform any of our own to attain salvation. Neither why man is completely helpless to obtain salvation by his own merits:

- No "righteousness" of our own — Rom. 2:10-12; Isa. 64:6.
- No "strength" of our own — Rom. 5:6; Eph. 2:1.
- No "good" of our own — Rom. 3:12; Psa. 14:1-3; Jer. 13:23.
- No "boasting" from us in salvation — Eph. 2:9; Rom. 3:27a.
- No "works" from us in salvation — Eph. 2:9; Titus 3:5; Rom. 4:5.
- Salvation is a "gift" — Eph. 2:8-9.
- Righteousness is a "gift" — Rom. 5:17.
- Eternal life is a "gift" — Rom. 6:23b.

The above is a death blow to man's pride; but are you willing to swallow your pride and admit in your heart, that God spoke the truth and that you accept it? You MUST in order to be saved.

III. You Must Know That To Die As A Lost Person Is To Spend Eternity In The Lake Of Fire

Both the saved and the lost die physically, but the lost person will suffer the "second death" in the

Lake of Fire, (Rev. 20:14). As the saved will spend eternity in bliss with God, so the lost will spend eternity in torment and away from God. Notice the position of a lost person:

- The wrath of God is ON HIM NOW — John 3:16.
- He is CONDEMNED ALREADY — John 3:18b.
- Called "children of wrath" — Eph. 2:3.
- The Wrath of God will be literally upon the lost at the Great White Throne Judgment — Rev. 20:15.
- This Wrath is for eternity, forever — Rev. 14:11.

Man does not like to think of any future punishment because of his sins, but it is true just the same, just as true as God Himself. Will you accept the fact that God is just in sending the lost to eternal damnation? Please agree with God in this because THIS is what you need to be saved from.

IV. You Must Know That Jesus Christ Is The Only Savior

The job of a Savior is to save, and this, Christ can do. He died on the cross to bear your sins, your shame, your guilt, your penalty. He is your substitute. What you so justly deserve, because of your lost, sinful condition, He gladly bore for you. This is WHY He came into the world, "to save sinners." (I Tim. 1:15). The "work" has been accomplished on Calvary's cross.

Notice what His death or blood does for us:

- Washes us from our sins — Rev. 1:5.
- Redeems us — I Pet. 1:18-19.
- Justifies us — Rom. 5:9.
- Forgives us — Eph. 1:7.
- Reconciles us back to God — Col. 1:20.
- Peace for us with God — Col. 1:20.
- Propitiates (satisfies) God — Rom. 3:25.

There is no hope outside of Christ and His Death for:

- He is the only way back to God — John 14:6.
- He is the only door to enter to be saved — John 14:6.
- His is the only name to obtain deliverance from hell — Acts 4:12.

Friend, cast away all other so-called Saviors. God's Word only has one, the Lord Jesus Christ. Admit this in your heart to be true. You must in order to be saved.

V. You Must Know That You Must Come To Christ And Have Him As Your Own Savior

Now, you could know the 4 previously mentioned truths and still be lost! You must now claim Christ as your own Saviour; you must receive Him as your own Savior; you as an individual, must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, trust Him and Him alone, and "thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:31. It is a personal salvation. An food must be eaten in order to take away hunger, and medicine must be taken in order to take away disease, even so you must lay hold on Christ by your faith in order for Him to take away your guilt and condemnation.

When the Bible tells us to "trust in Christ," Eph. 1:12, it means to rely completely on Him, not Him and something else. Suppose a wife told a woman friend of hers, "I love my husband and trust him, but just in case, I've hired a detective to follow him." Is this trust? Certainly not, and yet, to say you trust Christ for your salvation but "just in case," you want to hold on to your own so-called righteous works, this is not trust in Christ. This would make Christ a "half-savior." He alone must save or not at all. Christ said, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast

out," John 6:37, nor bring into judgment, (John 5:24), but "hath everlasting life." John 6:47.

The moment you accept Him as Savior, God will forgive you and cleanse you and make you a child of His. Believe God's Word that He will do as He has promised. Will you do it today? Death is in the pot. "What must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:31-31. Do likewise and "thou shalt be saved."

My friend, have you understood what you have read in this tract? It boils down to this. The Lord Jesus Christ, who was God in the flesh, came into this world to die in the place and stead of sinners. His was a substitutionary death. You must believe, this includes you, that He did it for you, in your behalf. Why not pray a prayer like this one, from your heart right now.

Lord Jesus, I come now confessing I'm a sinner, and I'm sorry for my sins. I believe you are the Son of God. I believe you died, were buried, and on the third day, rose again for the forgiveness of my sins. I ask you to come into my heart and save me now. Thank you, Jesus, for saving my soul. Amen.