

Secure in Christ: Hope and Purpose.

How do I know if I am saved? Why Would God want to use me?

- I. **How Do I know I am saved? Jesus clarifies true salvation.** The context of this passage gives us a better understanding
 - a. Jesus speaks to the religious crowd about salvation (Matthew 7:13-14,21-24)
 - i. Religious crowd tend to believe your salvation is dependent upon your performance.
 - ii. Jesus describes two categories throughout Matthew 7 The right and wrong.
 - iii. Jesus describes an extreme religious person
 - iv. Jesus separates the godly and ungodly by one phrase. "I never Knew You"
 1. We would look at the description and say "What a good guy"
 - b. How do you know you are saved?
 - i. #1 what are you trusting in?
 1. There are only two types of people. Those in Christ and out of Christ. Jn 6:28-29; 1 Jn 5:11-12.
 - ii. #2 Do you display evidence of a transformed life through Christ?
 1. 2 Cor 5:17; Phil 1:11; Gal 5:22
 2. When your faith costs you it makes it easier to tell if you rest in Jesus.
 3. Remember: You do nothing to gain salvation and you do nothing to keep it! Phil 1:6, Romans 8:29-30
- II. **Why would God want to Use me? Jesus gives you a new purpose.**
 - a. Your service is not based on your abilities and strength..
 - i. God loves to use the broken. Psalm 51:16-17
 - ii. He wants to do a work through you by His power. Phil 1:6 , Colossians 1:10-11,29
 - iii. As confident as you can be in Christ for Salvation you can be confident in God's desire to want to use you for his plan.
 - iv. You serve with joy when you know your future is secure. Hebrews 6:19-20
 - b. A Lesson From the Sea of Galilee (Mark 6:47-52)
 - i. #1 Jesus is LORD! Only God walks on water.
 1. Walk in Confidence before Him.
 - ii. #2 God isn't primarily interested in an easy life but he is interested in your life.
 - iii. God is not after you because of your ability. He is after you because of His ability to transform your life in the midst of any storm.
 - iv. After salvation, it isn't that God might choose you to serve. It is that he has already chosen you that He may display his glory through you and in you.
 - 1Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
 - Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.