

# *Howards Corner*

## ***What or who are you trusting in for your salvation?***

That is an eternally important question! It is a question that you must answer now in this life on earth, and none know how long we will live. You must want to know the answer and you must seek for that truth inside your own heart and mind. It must be with a sincere desire to know the truth.

Why do I ask you this question? It is because your life is eternal and therefore cannot be taken lightly. If your life is eternal, then if you are in your right mind, you would want that future life to be a blessed and wonderful life.

What I observe in today's world is a thought process that thinks we will just die and go to nothing. That's not an encouraging thought, is it? If that is so, then what is the logic for trying to do anything for others and just do for your pleasure? That is what is happening in today's world. People are living for themselves and their pleasure and riches and trusting in the world's system to provide that life for them and ignoring God who made us.

But God has told us a different story! He has said in his word that we will live eternally. The question is where will we live it? God has offered us a choice. Do we want to live it in His presence with His blessing and eternal life or be separated from Him in darkness and judgement? So, I ask the question, are you indifferent to God's word or does it bother you some that you do not know Him? It is universal that man has a built-in desire to be reconciled to God. Almost every tribe of the world has some drawing to God, but it is in many different forms and religions that it is expressed. All these religions can't be right. There must be truth that we can trust and know for sure that we are on the right path to be reconciled to God. God will call those He has chosen, and they will be drawn to Him, but will you accept that calling or turn it down.

This letter may be your time to accept but I can tell you He will not force you to accept the calling. The message has been sent by way of the Son of God. His name is Jesus the Christ. He came in a humble way of lowly estate without riches or high position. He came to call the humble and contrite of spirit and not the proud and

arrogant. He lived a righteous life fulfilling the requirements of the Jewish law and was obedient to the price of death on the cross with the shedding of His blood. This shedding of His blood then is our hope for in the blood he bought our salvation and reconciliation to God the father. His righteousness is therefore reckoned to us if we believe and trust in Him and in Him alone for our salvation as our righteousness. So, the decision is yours, choose or reject. He awaits your decision.

## To those that have joined Christian churches

I have been addressing those that are outside of those that have called themselves Christian. But now I think the same questions should be applied to those that have joined churches but have not surrendered themselves to Jesus alone for their salvation. Just because you have joined a Christian church does not mean you are saved. If you have not surrendered and trusted completely in Christ's death on the cross for your salvation you are yet needing to lay aside all reconciliation to God that does not trust in Christ alone for salvation. I am speaking of things like church membership and keeping the Old Testament laws for they are not applicable to Christians but were given to Israel and are not given to the church from the beginning. We are saved by grace through faith alone. And not keeping the law for if we trust in keeping the law, which is impossible, we are saying I can be saved by my works, but we cannot. It is also not by doing good works. If one is in Christ and the Holy Spirit abides in one's heart, then the good works will flow by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Be careful of pride in church membership and in our own works. Remember salvation comes to those with meek and humble and contrite spirits.

So, I call all whether church or not to answer the call to repent and accept the great salvation that awaits those that will surrender themselves to trusting Christ alone for your eternal salvation.

Eternal reward await those that accept and stay the course. Warning, there may be rough roads for you for you live in enemy territory.

With love I send these words to you. Your brother in Christ

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