

Theme: Proof of Life – assurance of salvation

Read: II Pet 1:1-11

Peter is talking about “LIFE” and “PROOF” of it

Peter starts @ source

SOURCE OF SALVATION

2 Peter 1:1 (NIV)

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

☞ through the righteousness (vs1)

God is => perfect & sinless

He asks of us => to be like Him

We cannot => we are sinners = destined to die eternally in hell

Rom 3:10

“There is no one righteous, not one; no one who seeks God” – How God view us and our attempt at righteousness

Romans 3:20 (NIV)

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. – How we attempt to make it right with God.

• **People say “I do my best” – U still condemn me?**

WE all do our best => in Common Graces God gave us:

Justice, Mercy, Tolerance, Kindness, Helpful => like **Rich Young Man** in *Matt 19*

💡 Give some thought on “Common Graces” as God’s gift to man so we won’t self-destruct

BUT

ALL OF US ARE SINNERS....and

Rom 6:23

“the wages of sin is eternal death,

💡 What does eternal death look like in your mind?

This is where the following come into play

but the gift of God is eternal life in CJ our Lord”

(second part = II Pet 1:1 which says the gift is through IC)

“To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ”

God demanded => perfect payment / replacement = in my place

Philippians 3:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ *What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ*

⁹ *and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from*

the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

💡 Compare Rom 3:10-18 with Phil 3:8-9 in relation with our aim at righteousness and God's standard of righteousness

That is thy => **the perfect Jesus Christ (saviour)** = **died my death** + **paid whole price**...*I can receive eternal life*

👁 *received a faith (vs1)*

Faith => **without the article** = **meaning:: the ability to believe....what Christ has done**

Story: man with **wheelbarrow over Niagara falls**

💡 Spend some time on Faith as a gift and also as an act on mans side

SUFFICIENCY OF SALVATION

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

*His divine power has given us everything we need **for life** and **for godliness** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

Sufficiency

Life: **in Christ** - **by grace** - **through faith** (vs.1-3)

Forgiveness of => past, present and future sin...completely justified

💡 What if I sin as a Christian???

Nothing more & nothing less => then Jesus' substitutionary death and resurrection

WE HAVE LOOKED AT: SOURCE + SUFFICIENCY OF SALVATION

PROOF OF SALVATION

Proof of the pudding **lies in the taste**...don't let me - show me

Godliness: **Proof of Life** (vs.4-8)

🔊 **Let me read**

Following shows the work of Christ

🕊 Participate in the Divine nature

Being:

Born Again

Born from above

“Therefore if some is in Christ he is a new creation”

💡 What is the core about being a “new creation”?

All about: CHANGE

🕯 Escape the Corrupt World

👁 Corrupt:

decay/decompose

👁 Escape:

Flight from danger

@ Salvation we escape => power of this rotten world has = over our fallen + sinful nature

THE EFFECT OF SALVATION

Due to these two:

Participation of the divine nature

Escaping the corrupt world

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD HAPPEN

VS. 5-8 (READ)

🔊 **Faith+add**

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

2 Peter 1:10 (NIV)

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.

All of vs. 5-9 => leads up to this challenge

Assurance is about => your confidence

Are U sure => where U will spend eternity?

Summery

FAITH & PROOF

🔊 Can you be sure you are saved and going to heaven?

🔊 Are U sure U Know => Christ as Lord & Saviour?

🔊 What Proof you are a Christian?

