



PART 2: ASSURANCE

INTRODUCTION

Arguably, our last words will be some of our most important and memorable. Last words encapsulate all that we're about--the purpose and mission of our lives. In his final words on the cross, Jesus sums up four of the most important spiritual issues we will ever face.

BIBLE VERSES

Luke 23:39-43

Romans 6:23

Hebrews 9:27

Romans 10:13

James 2:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where are you struggling to have peace of mind right now?
2. Pastor Will taught that we are going to be face to face with God and we are going to have to give an account for our lives. Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?
3. Read Romans 6:23. What do you deserve? How does it make you feel that God freely offers you his grace (giving you what you *don't* deserve) and mercy (not giving you what you *do* deserve)?
4. If you were to put yourself in first century Judea, what would it take to convince you that Jesus was God? What would (did) it take to convince you today?

In Luke 23:43 Jesus promised that salvation is:

- Immediate "Today"
- Certain "you will"
- A Relationship "be with me"
- An Eternal Place "in paradise"

5. Which of these promises is most comforting to you today? Why?
6. Do you have assurance of your salvation today? How do you know?

MOVING FORWARD

No one is ever too bad or ever too late to receive salvation in this life. Like the two criminals next to Jesus in Luke 23, every one of us has two options...either accept the free gift of salvation Jesus offers or reject it. In this time of uncertainty you can have assurance of salvation. Romans 10:13 says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."