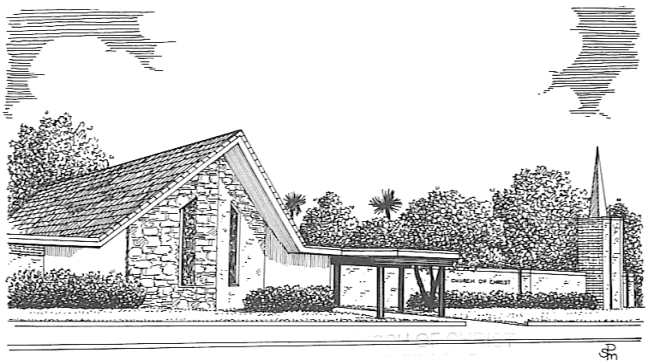


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You Can Know That You're Going to Heaven!

Are you going to heaven? If you were to die right this moment, would you go to heaven or not? Are you sure? Can you be sure?

I can remember as a child, growing up in the church, and believing that a Christian could not know where he would go, at any given moment, if he were to die. I have no idea where I got that idea, but it was a scary idea. The very thought that a Christian could go through his daily life and have no clue as to his eternal destiny can lead to all sorts of questions, worries and anxieties.

However, that precarious outlook is not a Biblical concept. God has given, and wants His children to have, confidence! He wants His children to know for certain if they are going to heaven or not. John writes, "These things I have written to you...that you may know that you have eternal life" (**1 John 5:13**). The word "know" emphasizes a complete and absolute knowledge. It is not a knowledge that needs to be learned or experienced, but a knowledge that is intuitively certain because God gave it.

How can a Christian have this absolute certainty? Look at the passage. "Eternal life" is a favorite subject of the apostle John. He emphasizes it more in his gospel account than the other writers do. Then, it is a focal point in his first epistle. "And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life" (2:25). "God has given us eternal life" (5:11). "You have eternal life" (5:13). So, how can a child of God have confidence in this life that he will go to heaven when he dies?


Notice how precise John is. "God has given us eternal life, and **this life is in His Son**" (5:11). One must be **"in Christ,"** in order to know that he has eternal life. John clearly teaches that one is "in Him" when he "keeps His word" (2:5; 3:24), walks "just as He walked" (2:6), "abides in Him" (3:6) and continually "confesses that Jesus is the Son of God" (4:15). Are you "in Him"? Then, you can know that you have eternal life!

One must **"believe in the name of the Son of God"** (5:13), in order to know that he has eternal life. The word "believe" is in the present tense, emphasizing a continuous and abiding faith. John plainly affirms in this epistle that those with an abiding faith are those who "keep His commandments" (2:3, 4; 3:22, 23, 24; 5:2, 3). Notice how many times that is emphasized in this book. Are you demonstrating a continuous faith by keeping His commandments? Then, you can know that you have eternal life!

God wants you to go to heaven, and He's told you how to get there! God wants you to **KNOW** that you're going to heaven, and He's told you how to know it! Are you going? Are you sure? What a blessing to have that confidence!

David Sproule, PBLCOC

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ**



Welcome to the Palm Springs Church of Christ

A warm and sincere welcome to one and all! It is a genuine privilege to gather as God's people to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”

Pray for our Church family:
Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:
Pray for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care, for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke and for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Pray for the improved health of: Michelle Candelario, Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

Military:
Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Father, we are so grateful that You sent Your Son to offer salvation to all mankind through His sacrifice! Help us to love as He loved. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

Power For Today: Norma Privitt, March 6, 2023
Read: Mark 7:24-32

News:

Our next potluck will be on Nov. 5th following worship service! Please bring two dishes to contribute (main & side or main & dessert). Thank you to all!

Ladies Bible Class: will start meeting again on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 10:30.

Beaumont Church of Christ will be hosting an Area Wide Singing on this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Their flyer has been posted on our bulletin board for more information.

The Community Food Bank: At this time, the most critically needed items are: soups, vegetables, canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans and quart size storage bags. Other Non-perishable items such as: Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are needed. Thank you for your continued support, your donation is greatly appreciated.

In Search of the Lord’s Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

Be not dismayed!

These may be the very words that you need to hear to-day. It may be that you didn’t sleep well last night, or maybe not at all. Have there been some circumstances, health issues or relationships that have deteriorated so drastically in recent days that your heart is aching, your mind is numb, and you feel like you don’t know what to do?

Read this slowly. Read every word and pause as you do. “Be. Not. Dismayed. Whate’er. Betide. God. Will. Take. Care. Of. You. Beneath. His. Wings. Of. Love. Abide. God. Will. Take. Care. Of. You. Lean. Weary. One. Upon. His. Breast. God. Will. Take. Care. Of. You. Through. Every. Day. O’er. All. The. Way. He. Will. Take. Care. Of. You.”

Civilla D. Martin wrote those words in poetic form just over 100 years ago (in 1904). But, Isaiah wrote these inspired words over 2,700 years ago: “Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand...He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom” (**Isa. 40:10-11**). He is “with you” (41:10). He will “help you” (41:13). He “cares for you” (**1 Pet. 5:7**).

David Sproule; Thought for the Day
Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ)

**Sermon Topic: Look! What God has Done.
Part 3: God Leads His People to Heaven**



Birthdays:

Mario Fuentes:10/1

Camelia Munn:10/22

Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

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