

It is Hard to be Lost

S.R. Hebrews 3:12 - 14

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Introduction

- A. Marion Street and members' families in other places have experienced so many deaths in recent weeks.
- B. Kris Emerson took this sermon from Tony Mauck who recently passed away.
- C. Are you saved? In whom or what is your confidence?
- D. If your confidence is in you – how is that working for you?

I. Is it Hard to be Lost?

- A. I was thinking that it is pretty easy to be lost.
- B. If you understand who Christ is and you are in Christ then it is hard to be lost.
- C. Outside of Christ it is impossible to be Saved
 - 1. John 14:6
- D. It is possible to have once been in relationship in Christ and be lost.
 - 1. People can be lost (Heb. 3:6,12 – 14)
 - 2. Hebrews 6:4 – 6 You can receive all the riches of God's grace and still walk away from God. If you lose your taste for God.
 - 3. Heb. 12:12 – 14 You can come short of the grace of God.
 - a. You can develop a bitter heart after having an appreciation of God's grace.
 - 4. Hebrews 10:32 - 34 It gets hard to walk away once you are in Christ.
- E. Do not throw away your confidence.
 - 1. If your confidence is in you it needs to be thrown away.
 - 2. Where is your confidence? "I know whom... (2 Tim. 1:12; John 17:1 – 3)
 - 3. Is your faithfulness a response to His grace or your perfection?

II. Five words that Explain why it is Hard for the Believer to Be Lost.

- A. Jesus (Hebrews 1:1 – 5)
 - 1. God goes to great lengths to bring back His people
 - 2. Jesus came, accomplished purification of sins and sat down.
 - 3. Sitting at the right hand of God
 - 4. Why are you here? Because God so loved (John 3:16)
 - 5. If your eyes are on Jesus and your gratitude is for Him He will be:

- a. Your life, your light, your bread, your water
 - b. Do you know Him (John 17:1 – 3)
 - c. Song: You are my life
- 6. If your life is wrapped up in Him it will be Hard to Be Lost.
- B. Angels – created spiritual beings to serve you (1:14)
 - 1. 2 Kings 6:16 – 17 Elisha – angelic army – horses and chariots of fire
 - 2. Psalm 103 - Tony – his favorite Psalm
 - a. 103:19 – 22
 - 3. It is hard to be lost when we have angels who are servants of our salvation
- C. Great Salvation (Hebrews 2:1 – 4)
 - 1. If you knew the completeness of His salvation you would never quit.
 - 2. Proved it through signs, wonders and miracles.
 - 3. How great is God's salvation for you?
 - a. "God's grace is not so amazing if our sin is not so destructive."
 - 4. Eph. 2:8 – 10 By grace through faith. You pursue Him out of love.
 - 5. 1 Peter 1:3 – 9 Your salvation. Great mercy – His inheritance
 - a. Outcome of your faith is response of grateful obedience.
 - 6. You are adopted children of God – there is an inheritance
- D. Witnesses – (Hebrews 11:13, 16, 38; 12:1)
 - 1. So glad you are keeping your eyes on the witnesses
 - 2. Abraham believed God and then responded by faith – they were looking
 - 3. Barbara Chandler – came to the Lord as an adult. She walked away from her denominational background and sought the Lord throughout her life.
 - 4. Tony Mauck – he mentioned Dee Bowman as a mentor
 - a. "If you miss heaven you just missed..."
- E. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega -The premier Trail Blazer (Hebrews 12:1 – 4)
 - 1. He begins everything and He is the end of everything that matters.
 - 2. He endured the cross – despised the shame – sat down.
 - 3. Consider Him and do not lose heart.

III. Conclusion

- A. My confidence is in Christ, His sacrifice, His blood shed for my sins
- B. Romans 8:31 – 39 Overwhelmingly conquer.
- C. The only person that can keep you from God is you.
- D. It is hard to be lost when you have confidence in Him (John 6:68-69)