

Words of Promise

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Prayer Concerns:

1. Jesus' _____ was to _____ and
 _____ the _____ [Lk. 19:10]

Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin, self-righteousness, and self-destruction.

2. We must come to the _____ before
 we can be saved.

“Repentance is the realization of our lost condition, it is the discovery of our ruin, it is the judging of ourselves, it is the owning of our lost estate.” [Arthur Pink, 1918]

3. Salvation is an _____ and

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” [Rom. 10:9-10]

4. Believers are _____ into
 _____ upon death. [Acts 7:59; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23]

5. Heaven will be heaven because _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. When did the meaning of the death of Christ begin to make sense to you?

Digging deeper:

Read Luke 23:32-43.

1. Jesus' mission was to seek and save the lost [Luke 19:10]. How did Jesus live this out in His life? In His death? In your life?
2. Read Isaiah 53:12. It was no accident that Jesus was crucified between two thieves. Why was it necessary to God that Jesus be "numbered with the transgressors"?
3. Reread Arthur Pink's definition of repentance in the sermon outline. Normally, we think of repentance as turning from a specific sinful act or thought. How does Pink's definition deepen our understanding of repentance?

4. Romans 10:9-10 assures us that salvation is an instantaneously free and undeserved gift. This is what the thief received from Jesus. Why, then, do many people strive to be good enough for God to save them?

5. Read Acts 7:59; 2 Corinthians 5:8; and Philippians 1:23. What do these verses tell us about what happens after we die? How does this encourage and give you hope?

6. The thief simply asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom. How did Jesus give him exceedingly abundantly above all he could have ever asked or imagined?

Taking it Home:

1. Who in this story do you identify with most? With least?