

The Truth

by Al Martin

True salvation requires a radical change of heart and a commitment to serve Christ, not self.

Duration: 4:32

Scripture: Matthew 7:21, Matthew 25:41-45, Romans 8:13, Galatians 2:20

Topics: "True Repentance", "Saving Faith"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the urgency of true repentance and saving faith, challenging listeners to fully surrender to God's will and allow the cross to disrupt their self-centered lives. It warns against mere lip service to God and calls for genuine transformation through obedience to the Father's will, as evidenced by a life that reflects Christ's lordship.

Transcript

Saving faith is the desperate thrust of a helpless soul upon the arms of an almighty saint. Are you doing what Jesus, who speaks the words of the Father, are you doing what he says? Seek first the kingdom of God. Are you taking every step necessary to stop feeding your lust in God's name? Why, why, why, why would you sit through another service and stand by a signpost that points you away from hell and the wrath of God and to heaven and life and forgiveness and hug death to your breast? Are you not full of madness? You are a vile, filthy, helpless, hell-deserving, wretched son or daughter of Adam.

You know nothing of true repentance and therefore of true salvation. Or you just occasionally have a little whimper in the closet when your conscience gets so active you can't live with it and you whimper and cry and ask God for a little help and then you go right back with your hand and your eyeballs firmly attached. Oh yes, once in a while you take a dull paring knife and scratch your hand and occasionally you scratch around your eyeball but you haven't begun to cut off and come out.

You better listen to the words of Jesus. Not everyone who says Lord, Lord shall enter but he that does the will of my Father in heaven. If ye by the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the flesh ye shall live.

If you live after the flesh you'll die. The cross does not give us a minor shift or two with regard to a few of our ethical and moral and religious values. The cross radically disrupts the very center and citadel of your life from self to Christ.

And if the cross has not done that, you're not a Christian. My friend, face it, young or old, you're not a Christian until the cross has radically disrupted the very center and citadel of your life and brought you from a life of commitment to serve self, whether it's religious self, moral self, proud self, covetous self, lustful self, prideful self, unforgiving self, lazy self, it doesn't matter what are the focal points of the reign of your self. If you've gone to the cross in union with Christ, it's been shattered.

I want you in that day when you stand with me before the judge of the world to have him say, come you're blessed, come you're blessed. I don't want to look at you standing there saying, Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, I named you in earth. I named you before the elders.

I named you before the church. I named you before this and I know that. Depart from me.

I never knew you. You were a girl of anything. You never were made a doer of the will of God.

You learned enough and you learned what to say properly enough to be accepted for what you professed yourself to be.

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