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Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

God, What About... Series, Lesson 58

Lesson Title: ...Knowing for Sure I'm Saved

Take Home Point: I am saved by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus.

Warm-Up:

Although he is highly esteemed today, even when he was alive, George Washington was tremendously respected and revered. Everyone, including those who disagreed with him or were considered his enemies, knew his integrity was impeccable and his word was good. On at least one occasion, his written word saved a life. During the Revolutionary War, a shadowy figure lurked in the area of New York City. Both British loyalists and American patriots believed him a spy for the other side. He avoided people as much as possible, but one dark night, a group of ruffians loyal to neither side trapped him. They were murderous criminals, profiting from the misfortunes of others. After taking this man's pouch of gold, they were about to kill him when he produced a note signed by Washington that guaranteed the General's personal protection. The amazed thieves let him go free.

Read: John 20:31; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23

Observation (What happened?):

According to Ephesians 2:8-9, what must we accomplish to be saved?

According to Romans 6:23, what are we saved from?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

What does the phrase "eternal life" mean?

Why can we not add or take away from God's grace that saves us?

Insight:

There is much confusion and false teaching about the redemption available by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Most is due to people unable to believe that God's grace is sufficient, that Jesus really has done it all. We can't add anything to what was done for us. If it requires any work on our part, two things are true. First, Paul lied in today's reading and Jesus lied in Matthew 20:28 and John 10:28-29. Second, the death of the Son of God on our behalf was not enough. If that is so, what in the world could we possibly hope to do that would add to that and complete the necessary work! Jesus Christ, both God and man, was uniquely qualified to take our wages of sin, our guilt, our separation from God on himself. And when he took it, he took it all. Permanently. If there is nothing we can do to add to our redemption, then it only makes sense that there is nothing we can do to take away from it. Jesus said it best on the cross, "It is finished." Believe and have unshakable confidence it is so, because God himself said so.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

What difference does it make in your daily life that you are rescued by God's grace and by none of your own work?

Take some time to thank God for his unlimited grace and his absolute, unqualified redemption.

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