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In our last lesson we discussed the fourth of a five-part series related to a very important question that we should all seriously consider, “How Can I KNOW If God Has Saved Me?” Let’s conclude with Part Five today.

Q. Based on the list of questions you presented in the last four lessons, I’m not sure that I have truly become saved, and I don’t want to spend eternity in Hell. What can I do?

A. Although there is nothing we can do to cause or guarantee our salvation, anyone who sincerely wants to get right with God on His terms can plead to Him for salvation. The account given by Jesus of the Pharisee (a self-righteous religious leader) and the publican (a tax collector who had many sins) gives us an example of how God convicts us of our sins and causes us to beg for His mercy: Luke 18:10–14 *“Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”*

If you have listened to these Scriptures over the past few days and want to know more, it may be an indication that God is performing a work of grace in your heart. Most people do not want to acknowledge their sinful nature or even to think about the judgment to come. Perhaps God is giving you a desire to turn from your sins and to seek His eternal forgiveness.

If you have become saved already, you will not offend God or adversely affect your salvation by begging God for His mercy. Remember that God’s gift of salvation results in eternal life that can never be lost or taken away: John 5:24 *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”*

Please read the Bible verses we presented in this series again very carefully and prayerfully. Locate the verses in the Bible, and read them in their contexts for a deeper understanding of the truths of God. God uses His Word, the Bible, to draw His people to Himself: Romans 10:17 *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* John 6:44 *“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

Read and study the Bible to learn more about God and His wonderful gift of eternal life with Him. Ask God to give you a hatred for your sins, the faith to trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and an ongoing, earnest desire to do His will. If it is God’s purpose to save you, then you too will experience God’s blessings and glorious love as God gives you faith in Christ.

Wonderfully, today is still the day of salvation:

2 Corinthians 6:2 *“For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured [helped] thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”*

Isaiah 55:6–7 *“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”*

Hebrews 2:3 *“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;”*

Jeremiah 29:11–13 *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”*

Psalms 34:18 *“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”*

Psalms 62:7–8 *“In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.”*

This concludes this five-part series of questions based on the biblical evidences of salvation to help us “examine” the condition of our souls. May God open our spiritual understanding of these important verses so that we may KNOW whether God has saved us or not.