



Lessons for Life

The Word of Assurance Easter's 7 Words – 2 Pastor Damian Cirincione February 28/March 1, 2015

“One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, ‘So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!’ But the other criminal protested, ‘Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.’ And Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.’”

Luke 23:39-43 (NLT)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

5 Things the Thief Knew With Assurance...

1. He would FACE God after death.

“Don’t you fear God even when you are dying?”

Luke 23:40 (NLT)

“Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God.” Hebrews 9:27 (GNT)

2. He knew he had SINNED against God.

“We deserve to die for our evil deeds...”

Luke 23:41 (NLT)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (NIV)

3. He knew JESUS was more than a mere man.

“...but this man hasn't done anything wrong!”

Luke 23:41 (NLT)

“There is not a single person in all the earth who is always good and never sins.” Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT)

“God had Christ, who was sinless, take our sin so that we might receive God’s approval through him.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (GW)

4. He knew only GRACE could save him.

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me...” Luke 23:42 (NLT)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

5. He knew that Jesus would save him if he ASKED.

“...when you come into your Kingdom.” Luke 23:42 (NLT)

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”
Acts 16:31 (NIV)

What Is My Assurance Of Salvation?

The PROMISE Of God’s Word.

“Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.’” Luke 23:43 (NLT)

“Today” It is IMMEDIATE

“you will” It is CERTAIN

“be with me” It is A RELATIONSHIP

“in paradise” It is FOR ETERNITY

WHEN CAN I BE SAVED?

“...This is the hour to receive God’s favor; today is the day to be saved!” 2 Corinthians 6:2 (GNT)

“Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
Romans 10:13 (NLT)

“To be a follower of Christ means giving as much of myself as I understand, to as much of Jesus as I understand at that moment.”