

Have You Been Saved?

TEXT: Acts 2:21, 47

INTRODUCTION:

- A. STORY OF THE LITTLE GIRL IN CAMP:
 1. "I get saved every year."
 2. My answer: "How do you know?"
- B. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE SAVED?

I. WHAT IS "SAVED?"

- A. **sozo** (sode'-zo); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively):
KJV-- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.
- B. DELIVER OR PROTECT FROM WHAT?
 1. The problem of sin(**Rom. 3:23**).
 2. What is sin?(**1 John 3:4; James 4:17**).
 3. What does sin do in our lives? What are its consequences?
 - a. Death(**Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1; see verse 11-12**).
 - b. Separation from the Creator(**Isa. 59:1-2**).
 - c. The wrath of judgment(**2 Thess. 1:7-9**).
 - d. Eternity in Hell(**Mark 9:47-49**).
- C. SOME DON'T UNDERSTAND THE NEED OF BEING SAVED.
 1. **Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8, 10.**
 2. The Jews had a bad attitude toward their sin(**John 8:31-39**).
 3. The mission of the Holy Spirit(**John 16:7-8**).
 4. The Spirit tells not only of sin, but what to do about it.

II. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE SAVED?

- A. **THE BIBLE IS GOD'S STANDARD(John 12:48; 8:32)**
- B. **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**
- C. **PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN VARIOUS ANSWERS.**
- D. **FOR EXAMPLE:**
 1. The preacher told me. But **Acts 17:11** and **2 Tim. 3:13...Matt 15:13-14**.
 2. I did what my parents did(**Matt. 10:34-37; see Paul, Phil. 3:1-17**).
 3. I prayed the sinners prayer(?).
 4. I had an experience(**1 John 4:1**).
 5. I just know it in my heart(**Prov 28:26**). Are you sure it's salvation?
- E. **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9-10)**.
- F. **HAVE YOU DONE THESE THINGS?(Matthew 7:21; Acts 22:16)**.

CONCLUSION:

- A. (**1 Tim. 2:3-4**)GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SAVED(**John 3:16**).
- B. **WON'T YOU BE SAVED RIGHT NOW?**