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"Preaching The Same Truth We Preached Before Kentucky Was A State"

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"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye



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- Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
- Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5:13).

The following are practical questions--questions many people are interested in:

1. How to be saved. It is the uniform teaching of the New Testament that we are saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, or by believing in Him. And the New Testament tells us why it is by faith:
 - (a) That it might be by grace. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).
 - (b) That there might be no boasting. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).
 - (c) Because Jesus Christ did all the saving work. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Gal. 3:13). "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:27, 28). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

2. Can one be saved and not know it? A better way to put this question would be: Can one be saved and not have the assurance he is saved? I think so. Otherwise, why was I John 5:13 written: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God".

(a) On the other hand, there are some who know they are saved, that is, in their own mind--who are not saved. I have seen people with the least evidence of being saved who were sure they were saved. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I pro-

fess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:22, 23).

(b) John wrote his first epistle to people who were saved so that they might know they were saved. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5:13).

3. How can one know he is saved? He can know it only by faith. This is the only possible way to know. You cannot know by feelings. Feelings are variable and deceptive, and confusing.

It is the blood that secures our salvation and the word gives assurance. The blood secures and the word assures. John says he has been describing a saved person, and we can know we are saved by finding ourselves pictured in the word. We know by the evidences. What are the evidences?

Faith - "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him" (I John 5:1); "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37); "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

Love - "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" (I John 4:7); "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (I John 3:14). Do I love the Lord or not? Am I his or am I not?

Good Works - "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

Conflict - "For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not, but what I hate, that do I" (Rom. 7:15).

Beatitudes - "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matt. 5:3-12).

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We are printing some of the books and writings of our late brother in Christ, Dr. C. D. Cole. They are available now and can be obtained from the Bryan Station Baptist Church by contacting the pastor at the address given on the front of this paper.

The Pastor gladly offers his services to all who are in need of prayer, comfort or spiritual guidance.
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