

“Am I Saved”

Part 2

Last week we compared being saved to marriage as we know it, that being saved was like “getting married” to Jesus, so looking at this again from a human point of view, many people live together or hang out together, but are never married; for whatever reason, they don’t want to make that commitment. If people didn’t know them and didn’t ask, they would *assume* they are married. In the spiritual realm, many people go to church week after week, year after year; they want to hang out with Jesus, but don’t want to make a commitment to him. There again, if people didn’t know them and didn’t ask, they might *assume* they are saved.

Back to the Bible – 2 Corinthians 5:17 says *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ (saved), he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”* If we marry someone, things change in our lives; we no longer live just to please ourselves, doing only what we want to do; we now live for another, doing the things they want to do, things that are enjoyable and pleasing to them. In the same way if we are saved, our lives cannot continue to be the same – there needs to be change! We need to be doing things that please the Lord, and we need to be open to allowing him to change anything and everything in us that displeases him.

If we are truly saved, we should want to read his word, we should want to go to church to join with others, not only to learn more about him, but to praise and worship him! We should also want to pray (talk) to him – not just in emergencies – but on a daily basis. If we didn’t communicate with our mate, we wouldn’t have much of a relationship, would we? Well then, why would it be any different with the Lord?! God waits to be wanted – do you want him? Are you saved? Only you and God know for sure, and only you and God can do anything about it. Your part is to be willing, and to surrender to him. If you do, God will do the rest, and the good part is – you will know you are saved because your life will be transformed!

Please don’t be like me! I was STUPID! I wanted to “sow all my wild oats,” then give in to the Lord - hoping I didn’t die first and be lost forever! Hebrews 11:25 says that Moses chose to obey God’s call instead of *“...enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season.”* My “season” of sinful pleasures lasted 42 years before I came to my senses and finally got saved, and I can tell you for a fact, my life after getting saved was way more pleasurable and fulfilling than the first 42 years without Him were! Don’t gamble with eternity! Get right with God today and really start living! Amen!