

“Security”

Merriam-Webster defines security as: *“freedom from danger or freedom from fear or anxiety”* (safety), *“something given, deposited, or pledged to make certain the fulfillment of an obligation...an instrument of investment in the form of a document (such as a stock certificate or bond) providing evidence of its ownership”* (surety), *measures taken to guard against.... crime or... attack”* (protection).

I shared all of that to say this: when we are truly born again or saved, according to God’s word, we have eternal security - when we die, we have a written guarantee we will go to heaven! The other day I was praying for some unsaved (or unsure) family and friends when I had this thought - “I wonder how many people have little signs in the yard or window stickers proclaiming they are protected by some type of home security system?”

These systems are meant to deter criminals and alert authorities, but I have talked to many people who have a sign or window stickers, but no actual security system - they are hoping the signs/stickers will keep them safe. The problem with this line of thought is that they have a FALSE sense of security because they have nothing in place to back them up and keep them safe.

Then I thought to myself, “I wonder how many people wear the “sign” of a Christian, but are Christian in name only?” I heard a preacher just the other day say many people identify as Christian just to let you know they aren’t Muslims, Hindus or Buddhists. I wonder how many people who do a lot of good deeds think that makes them a Christian, or maybe they go to church every Sunday, but have never made a commitment to Christ? They have a FALSE sense of security!

Many people “prayed a prayer” at some point in their lives, maybe years ago, but are consumed by worldly cares and not nurturing their spiritual lives. Jesus IS coming sooner than we might think, and here’s what 1 Th. 5:1-5 says: *“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.”* (NIV)

When Jesus comes back, He’s going to look at your “house” (you), and He won’t be looking for you holding up a sign that says Christian, He’s going to look to see if your heart is covered by His blood, and if it isn’t, He will say to you “Depart from me, I never knew you.” Now is not the time to play the part of a Christian, now is the time to get right with God and know you are protected! Amen!

