



Oct 2007

Upcoming Events

Women of Excellence
Saturday, Oct 20th
9:00 a.m.

Marriage Ministry Friday
October 26th, 2007
"no Match for God"

Baptism Oct 28th 2007
5:00 P.M.

*"God smiles when
we **LAF** – Love
Accept Forgive
unconditionally."*

The Most Important Question of Our Entire Life

Sr. Pastor Wayne Syas

The most important question of our entire life is not....

- What will we be when we grow up?
- Who will we marry?
- How many children, if any, will we have?
- What will be our annual income?
- What kind of car will we drive?
- Where will we live; and what kind of neighborhood will we live in?
- How long will we live and will we be healthy into a ripe old age?

saved?

Neither is it are we leading as disciplined life, but **are we saved?** It is not are we working on becoming saved or hoping to one day be saved, but **are we saved?**

To be saved, we must first surrender to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in our life, and admit that we are a sinner. As it is written in Romans 3:10, 12, *"There is none righteous, no not one: ... there is none that doeth good, no not one."* Romans then goes on to say, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"* (Romans 3:23). As a result of the sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden, every human being born since then was born a sinner and, therefore, was born short of God's glory. Consequently, we were all born with the inability to meet Gods requirements for getting into heaven.

The most important question of our entire life is.... **Are we saved?**

The answer to this question will determine where we will spend eternity. Every person born as the result of the union between a man and a woman will spend eternity either with God, or they will spend eternity separated from God. The question is not are we a member of a church, but **are we**



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Secondly, we must realize that someone loved us and died for us. Jesus Christ died on a cross to pay the debt for our sins, and to pave the way for us to have an opportunity to go to heaven. Romans 5:8 says, *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* When Jesus died on the cross, His blood paid the penalty for all of mankind's, sins. *"In who we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"* (Colossians 1:14).

We must come to the realization that we cannot do anything to earn or help earn our way into heaven. Jesus completely paid for it when He died on the cross. Just before He died He said, *"..It is finished:"* (John 19:30). Having paid the ransom for us to escape the bondage and penalty of sin, He now wants to give us a home in heaven. *"... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* (Romans 6:23)

When Jesus saves us, it is forever. When Jesus died, he didn't stay dead. On the third day, after His burial, He arose from the grave with all power (authority) in heaven and earth in his hands (Matthew 28:18). He now lives eternally seated in heaven. When we, by faith, accept Jesus' gift of His eternal life, we too are assured of eternal life. However, like all gifts, this one does us no good unless we receive it for ourselves. No one... not parents, grandparents, spouse, siblings, pastor, priest, best friend, or anyone else, can receive it for us. We have to personally receive it for ourselves. *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"* (John 1:12). This belief is not some watered down version of a mental assent of Jesus' existence. For Satan believes that! This belief is one that entails, surrender, hope, trust, confidence, and dependence, on Christ as the object of our faith and belief.

The Bible says we are "saved through faith" without needing to add anything else (i.e., our dead works). *"For by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* (Ephesians 2:8,9). The only faith that saves is complete faith in Jesus Christ. *"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."* (Acts 16:31). Anything we try to add to faith is "works."

Beloved, **are you saved?** Or, are you:

- Still trying to get to heaven based on your own merit and performance?
- Of the mind set that you'll "get saved" once you quit all your bad habits and "get yourself together?"
- Waiting until you can quit sinning before you allow Christ into your life?

If are not saved, then let me encourage you – no, let me urge you - to cease from your works and accept the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Christ has already paid for your every sin...past, present, and future - EXCEPT FOR ONE! If you don't spend eternity in heaven, it will be because of only one sin – the sin of unbelief. *"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God."* (John 3:17,18). If I may be blunt... A loving God does not choose to eternally separate people from Himself, in a place commonly referred to as Hell... people make that choice when they choose to reject the free gift of salvation offered through Jesus Christ.

I pray that you have or will receive Him, today!

If you have been encouraged by this article, please write us and let us know.

~Pastor Wayne



LOVE



We cannot love unless we understand that we are loved. God first loved us. God is love. God, through Jesus Christ, showed us ultimate love by taking our sins upon himself. The horror of this event cannot even be expressed. It must be experienced through the Holy Ghost. It must be revealed through the Holy Ghost. It is revelation knowledge that we experience through the Holy Ghost (Spirit of Christ). Christ was not afraid to be hurt, or to die upon the cross, but the horror of taking upon himself all the sins of the world must have been totally overwhelming. Jesus was, and is, the Word of God. He was with God from the beginning; came forth from God's own bosom; and is himself God. The horror of the moment of his crucifixion, when he sensed the father turning away from his own Word, produced the cry from Jesus, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

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~Elder Dennis C. Mann, Associate Minister





The 2007 Life More Abundant Christian Church Women's Retreat was held in Estes Park, CO, on Friday and Saturday, September 14 & 15. The women started the retreat with supper on Friday night and ended with lunch on Saturday. "Back to Basics" was the theme of the retreat with Philippians 4:6, "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything with prayer and supplication make your requests known to God*", as the theme verse. Prayer, Praise, and Worship were the basics that were studied during the retreat. Minister Angela Faison and a team of women from Old Landmark Ministries in Aurora, CO were the guest speakers. Seventeen women enjoyed a time of prayer, praise, worship, and fellowship with one another.

Prayer was ministered on in the evening session with a worship service and foot washing ceremony following. The next morning was a time to study praise and worship.

Everyone in attendance was blessed and lifted up by the Lord.

