



Scared to Death, Pt. 3: Fears about Eternity

When we think about our eternity and the assurance of our salvation, oftentimes we lack certainty. We usually fall into one of these three categories: trying hard to obey and please God, never sure; feeling good about my connection to God, mostly sure; my life going well, so I'm sure enough. This is because we lean on our own feelings and on our experiences. Our confidence on the Day we stand before God can't be rooted in any of these things. It has to be rooted in something else.

Bottom Line: Assurance comes from trusting in Jesus' work, not mine.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In commercials, we hear all the time that a product is “guaranteed.” We can have assurance that it will work the way it’s designed. Think of a something you’ve purchased that had this guarantee. Were you confident in the claim that was made? How did it live up to the claim?
2. When things go wrong in our lives, our confidence can be shaken. This event can cause us to look back at our past, or at our present, to find justification for why it happened. Describe a time when something went wrong in your life. How did you justify it?
3. **Read Romans 5:1-2, 8-11.** In thinking about your salvation, do you feel like you fall into one of the three categories mentioned in the description above? What steps can you take today to begin feeling like you can simply trust in what Jesus has done for you on the cross (**Colossians 1:19-23**) and be absolutely certain about your eternity? How can this group help you with this?
4. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-9.** Which verse or statement in this passage jumps out at you most? Why? How do you find it helpful?
5. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
6. How can the group encourage you this week?

Action Steps:

Read Romans 8 every day this week and select 1-3 verses to memorize from this chapter.

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.