

Seven Last Words

Assurance

Luke 23:39-43

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Luke 23 ³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” ⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?” ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus replied, “**I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.**” (NLT)

What must I know in order to be saved?

1. I will **FACE GOD AFTER I DIE.**

Luke 23 ⁴⁰ “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?” (NLT)

Hebrews 9 ²⁷ Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God. (GNT)

2. I have **SINNED AGAINST GOD.**

Romans 6 ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

3. Only **GOD’S GRACE CAN SAVE ME.**

Ephesians 2 ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. (NIV)

4. Jesus will **SAVE ME IF I ASK.**

Romans 10 ¹³ “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (NIV)

Testimony

How can I be sure I am saved?

1. The **WORD OF GOD** promises me.

John 10 ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. (NIV)

2. The **SACRIFICE OF JESUS** assures me.

Luke 23 ⁴³ And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (NLT)

Hebrews 9 ¹² When Christ went through the tent and entered once and for all into the Most Holy Place, he did not take the blood of goats and bulls to offer as a sacrifice; rather, he took his own blood and obtained eternal salvation for us. (GNT)