

Justification: The Fourth Step in the Order of Salvation (Conclusion)

Review:

I. The Attributes of Saving Faith...

- A. It produces a heart broken before God, Psalm 51:5, 17; Zechariah 12:10***
- B. It causes the heart to bow willingly to Christ's absolute sovereignty and Lordship in all things...
Luke 14:25-33...***
- C. It looks to Christ alone for all things... I Corinthians 1:30***
- D. It will persevere... Hebrews 11:3***
- E. It produces a heart of sincere love for the people of God... I John 4:8; 5:1***

II. Counterfeit Faith in the Bible...

A. Vain Faith...

- 1. Saving faith is personal...
- 2. Saving faith must have Christ of the Bible as its object... *Hebrews 10:39*
- 3. There is a "vain" faith... *2 John 9 cf. John 2:23-24; Matthew 13:19*

B. Dead Faith... James 2:14-17

- 1. James does not contradict Paul...
- 2. James is speaking of a "said" faith...
- 3. Many in the church have a dead faith...
- 4. The demons as an example...
Acts 16:17-18; Matthew 8:29

C. Temporary Faith...

1. True faith is permanent...
2. Temporary faith is not rooted in a new heart...

Matthew 13:20-21

Lesson: *see Hebrews 3:12-4:2*

III. How Much Faith?

Adoption

Introduction: Adoption is a very important and comforting doctrine...often neglected...

1. The Scriptures use the truth of adoption to emphasize our salvation is all of grace...

Ephesians 2:1-12 cf. Hosea 1:10

2. The use of the word adoption to describe our salvation is not “a figure of speech...”

John 1:11-12; 1 John 3:2