

Introduction

- I. The context tells us that the text is addressing this question: how do I know if I will go to heaven?
- II. This is an important word on the occasion of the confessions of faith that we hear.

The Certain Salvation of the Confessing Believer

I. The Heartfelt Faith

- A. The object and content of this faith is striking - God raised Jesus from the dead. Why this?

- B. The faith that believes that God raised Jesus from the dead is a faith of the heart.

II. The Living Confession

- A. We confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father, as we read in Phil. 2:11. What does it mean that Jesus is Lord?

- B. This is a living confession for us in everyday life.

III. The Certain Salvation

- A. The point of the text is not that you must confess and believe this in order to be saved. The point of the text is that those who confess and believe are saved.

- B. This certainty is needed as you go forward in your lives because of sin and hardship.