

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
LIFE GROUP - RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

TITLE: THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE

SESSION TWO: THE WORD OF ASSURANCE

**KEY VERSE: And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."
Luke 23:43 (NLT)**

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!" But other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong. " then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43 (NLT)

**WHAT MUST I KNOW TO BE SAVED
(Five Truths That Saved the Dying Thief)**

1.) I must know _____ after I die.

Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God.

Hebrews 9:27 (GNT)

2.) I must know that I've _____.

"We deserve to die for our evil deeds ... "

Luke 23:41b (TLB)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

3.) I must know that Jesus was _____.

"But this man has done nothing wrong!"

Luke 23:41b (NIV)

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Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT)

God had Christ, who was sinless, take our sin so that we might receive God's approval through him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (GW)

4.) I must know that only _____ can save me.

Then he said, "Jesus remember me ... "

Luke 23:42a (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

5.) I must know Jesus will save me _____.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom!"

Luke 23:42 (NIV)

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ... "

Acts 16:31b (NIV)

HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM SAVED?

On the _____ of God's Word.

And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:43 (NLT)

SALVATION IS . . .

- _____ ("Today")
- _____ ("you will")
- _____ ("be with me")
- _____ ("in paradise")

THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE SESSION TWO (Cont.)

WHEN CAN I BE SAVED?

This is the hour to receive God’s favor! Today is the day to be saved!

2 Corinthians 6:2 (GNT)

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13 (NLT)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1.) Have you ever been unsure about your salvation? If so, what have you learned in this lesson that will help you overcome the uncertainty?

2.) If you struggle with uncertainty about your salvation, let’s take care of that right now. Tell God that you have accepted the gift of salvation, that you receive his grace in faith, and that you want to reaffirm your trust and belief in Jesus as your Savior. Now, sign and date below when you have done this. Next time Satan starts telling you that you really aren’t a believer, and tries to plant seeds of doubt, remember this covenant, and thank God for your salvation.

Pastor Rick teaches that when we pray to receive salvation, the words we use don’t matter; it’s all about the condition of your heart. What do you think about that? What are the essential elements of any prayer of salvation?

3.) How does knowing a salvation prayer doesn’t have to be perfectly worded help you overcome the fear of sharing Christ with others?
