

Westwood Life Groups - A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

***11:45** - David Britton

***1:00**-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings **6:00** - *Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck, Rudie Thomsen, *Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, *Kelly Hillis

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

The Security of the Saved, #5

Introduction:

- Today I want to answer some questions that have been asked since we started this series of lessons.

Q#1: If, we already know we are going to heaven, what's the point of final judgement?

- 2 Corinthians 5:8; James 2:26
- 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- Rom. 8:1; 1 John 1:7; Psalm 37:23-24; John 10:28-29
- Col. 3:24; Hebrews 11:6; Eph. 6:8; Psalm 18:20

Q#2: By the way you have spoken about grace it feels like you're saying I can live anyway I want and I'm always forgiven.

- Romans 5:20-21
- Romans 6:1-4

Q#3: If what you have said about 1 John 1:7 is true, that God forgives our sins continually by Christ's blood as we walk in the light, doesn't that discount prayer, confession and repentance?

- 1 John 1:7; 1 Thess. 5:17
- After 1 John 1:7 comes 1 John 1:8-9
- Acts 8:13; 18-19; James 5:16
- Luke 15
- My forgiveness and my eternal security and yours is based on **Christ's perfect dying** **NOT my perfect confession, prayers or repentance.**

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
May 28, 2017

Life Group Questions

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1. How can one be assured of salvation by John in 1 John 5:13 and at the same time be fearful of a judgment? Consider also Romans 8:1
2. Read Romans 5:20-21 (read from various translations for some clarity). Discuss how grace is described here.
3. Can you see from Romans 5 where some may think that if God gives grace to sinners, then why not sin more and receive more grace?
4. Explain how Paul deals with this in Romans 6:1-4ff.
5. Why should we want to pray and confess our sins to God?
Does this desire to pray and confess mean that we are not forgiven until we confess and pray? Why? Or Why not? 1 John 1:7; Psalm 37:23-24; John 10:28-29 may help.
6. In your OPINION (or study), where did the concept of people "having" to come forward to confess sin begin? Can you reconcile this practice with God's word?
7. Haven't broken people suffered enough? Must they now suffer more by being made to confess their sin to the crowd? If you think they must, re-read Luke 15 and notice that the only thing the broken son did was go home to his father and receive forgiveness. It was only the older brother who demanded him to do more.