

# *Is it Right With Your Soul*

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There are many questions you will face in life. None is more serious or significant than this one - "Is it right with your soul?"

*Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Our society has bought into the concept that man is good. There is no innate wrong in humanity. Karl Meninger's "Whatever Happened to Sin" attests to the pretentiousness of mankind. Teaching Your Kids Right from Wrong mirrors the feeling. In 1997 we are O.K. We don't need God.

- I. Let us face reality as based on scripture: The natural state of the soul is sinful.
  - A. Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
  - B. Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
  - C. Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- II. Yet it is possible for a soul to be saved from this state of sin to the condition of salvation.
- III. One must recognize sin in order to be saved from it. There has to be a conviction of sin and its certain ruin. The soul has to come to the place where it can no longer be satisfied to remain in sin. Like Isaiah, in the presence of God, "Woe is me . . ." If sin doesn't bother you then you cannot be saved from it.
- IV. The soul must repent of sin
  - A. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Isaiah
  - B. Except ye repent ye shall likewise perish (Luke 13:3)
  - C. Define repentance - the soul is so sorry for sin committed that it will turn away from sin and determine never to engage in it again.
  - D. Sin must be forsaken.
- V. The soul must return to the Lord
  - A. And let him return unto the Lord.
  - B. Ill. woman with issue of blood, if I can be touch him.
  - C. You've got to get to Jesus. Not to just see him, but to discover his grace.
  - D. Baptism in Jesus Name is a return to God, because it is a return to the will of God.
- VI. The soul must receive the mercy of the Lord

- A. “He will have mercy upon him.”
- B. The Lord will show His mercy toward the soul that will forsake sin and turn to him for salvation. Mercy is the feeling that prompts God’s grace.
- C. Responsive reading Psalms 136:
- D. God’s gift of the Holy Ghost is a result of his mercy

VII. The soul will rejoice in pardon.

- A. He will abundantly pardon.
- B. Joy will come to the soul when it is forgiven of and given salvation. The soul will rejoice. The heart will be happy. Accept salvation.