

Amazing Grace

Luke 23:32-43

A Portrait of Two Criminals

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Luke 23:32-33

These Two Criminals Looked the Same, But They Differed On One Main Point

How they VIEWED Jesus Christ being crucified in the middle.

Amazing Grace at Calvary

1. Look and See the Defying UNBELIEF of a Hardened Sinner!

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." Luke 23:39

2. Look and See the Saving FAITH of a Humble Sinner!

But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Luke 23:40-42

Three Characteristics of Saving Faith:

- FEAR God: "God, You are holy and just."
- ADMIT Guilt: "I am guilty of sin."
- TRUST Jesus: "Jesus, I trust You for my salvation."

3. Look and See the Amazing GRACE of a Holy Savior!

And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

Three Lessons of Hope at Calvary

- ❖ It is never too LATE to turn to Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Even the very WORST sinner can be saved at the very last moment through faith in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ God has made salvation SIMPLE so every person can be saved—but you must choose.

How to Receive Eternal Life by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10

If you're ready to respond, sincerely pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You are the Savior who died to pay the penalty for my sin and then rose again. I want to turn from my sins and follow You instead. Please forgive me of my sins and save me. I receive You by faith as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen."