

V. SALVATION IS THROUGH **JESUS ALONE** (23:43d)

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

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” II Corinthians 5:21

VI. SALVATION IS **FOREVER** (23:43e)

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

“28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. 30 I and My Father are one.” John 10:28-30

“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:17

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The Thief On The Cross!!**

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WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE**
At The Cross...The Criminal On The Cross
Life Lessons About Salvation
Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. Many people followed Jesus in His life (John 6:10), but only a few followed him to His death (John 6:66). The At The Cross teaching series will introduce you to the positive Bible characters who were at the cross with Jesus. This experience will draw you closer to Jesus during this sacred Easter season.

“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

B. In this series, you will have the rare opportunity to look at the cross through the eyes of those who were there and learn valuable life lessons from them.

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C. TEXT: Luke 23:32-43 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1038/New Testament)

LIFE LESSONS ABOUT SALVATION FROM THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

I. SALVATION IS BY **GRACE** (23:40-43)

“40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?”

41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

43 And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” Luke 23:40-43

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

- **Admit** your sinfulness (23:40-41a).

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”
Romans 3:23

“For the wages of sin is death, ...” Romans 6:23a

- **Believe** in Jesus (23:41b-42a).

“...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23b

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

- **Call** on the Lord (23:42b-43).

“For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” Romans 10:13

II. SALVATION IS **CERTAIN** (23:43a)

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

“11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.” I John 5:11-13

III. SALVATION IS **PERSONAL** (23:43b)

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

“And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.” Acts 2:21

IV. SALVATION IS **IMMEDIATE** (23:43c)

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

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.” John 5:24

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

II Corinthians 5:8