

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it." - Luke 11:28

Signs of Being Saved

2nd Sunday of Tout

Introduction

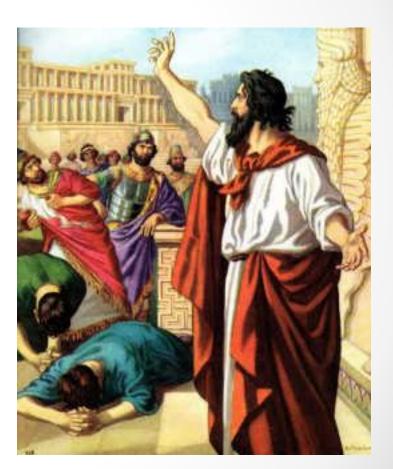
 "For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."

(2 Cor. 2:15)

 "Lead us throughout the way into Your kingdom." (St. Basil Liturgy)



- "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet." (Lk. 11:29)
- Nineveh responded to the preaching of Jonah



- "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world." (Jn. 12:47)
- "And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, 'Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.'" (Jon. 3:4)
- "He will not quarrel nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets." (Matt. 12:19)

REPENTANCE

"The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here." (Lk. 11:31)

Zacchaeus





- HE IS WORTH OUR TIME, EFFORT, AND EXPENSE
- Consider how we spend our time
- "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."
 (2 Cor. 4:16)



PUTS THE LIGHT ON THE LAMPSTAND

• "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the

light." (Lk. 11:33)



- Red Flag: Anyone claiming exclusive revelation from God
- "And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of

Scripture is of any private interpretation..."

(2 Pet. 1:19-20)

- Declare the light openly and let it lead your life
- "When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59 I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite." (Lk. 12:58-59)
- "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." (Jn. 12:48)

- SEES CLEARLY
- "The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness." (Lk. 11:34)
- "Take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness." (Lk. 11:35)
- We must be fair and honest with ourselves
- "Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right." (Lk. 12:57)

Summary

- Am I on the right path to salvation?
- Signs of being saved?
 - 1. Repentance
 - 2. I'm willing to invest my time and effort in my spiritual life
 - 3. Puts the light on a lampstand
 - 4. Sees clearly