

"Faith Check"

Two spiritual tragedies:

Believing I am saved when I really am not
Believing I can't be saved when I really can

The gift that seems too good to be true:

"It is by grace you have been saved"

Salvation is not deserved
Salvation cannot be earned
Salvation comes only by faith

The question for my salvation is never:

Do I have any faith?

Because everyone believes in something

But rather:

Do I have the faith that saves?

Which is always about Jesus Christ

Saving faith requires three things:

Believing in Jesus: The content of our faith

That He was
Who He was
What He did

Trusting in Jesus: The attitude of our faith

That He cares
That He pursues
That He saves

Depending on Jesus: The behavior of faith

For salvation
For keeping
For transformation

What is the status of your faith today?

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-
and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by
works , so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works ,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Romans 10:8-11

8 "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your
heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9 That if
you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in
your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be
saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are
justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are
saved.

John 14:1

14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God;
trust also in me.

James 2:14-17

14 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to
have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 15
Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.
16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm
and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what
good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not
accompanied by action, is dead.

Do you have a question for Pastor Rogers about the sermon this morning? You are welcome to text your question during the message. He will either answer your question to the entire congregation at the end of the service or send you a personal response later today. His texting number is 765-620-3481.



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What is Twitter?

Twitter is a social networking service that allows you to share status updates with friends. It helps you share what you are thinking and doing with others. We use Twitter to send mobile updates from our services and enable you to interact with us during services. With Twitter, you can keep up with what's happening when you can't be here, and let us know what you are thinking when you are.

How does Twitter work?

When you send twitter an update, that status goes out to all your "followers." If you follow Middletownnaz, you will get our updates about the services either online or on your cell phone. When you reply to those messages, you send out a status update to your followers, including us.

How do I sign up?

Signing up is easy. Simply text "follow middletownnaz" (without the quotes) to 40404. If you have an account, you will become our follower and get our updates on your phone. If you don't, it will prompt you to create a new username. Just reply to that message with a username, and you're all set up.

How do I manage my account?

Go to <http://twitter.com> to set up your account and set options like protecting your status updates so only friends can see them. Just make sure you accept us as your friend!

How much does it cost?

Twitter is free, but standard text messaging rates apply, so make sure you have a plan that provides enough texts a month.

How do I stop getting updates?

Simply send "Off" (without the quotes) to 40404. You will have to send it twice to turn off all messages to your phone.



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