

Series: Restoring My Relationship with God – Part 4
Scripture: Luke 23:43
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HOW TO BE CONFIDENT I'M IN THE RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

We learn three important truths from the story of the thieves on the cross...

1. THE _____ FOR OUR DOUBT.

Luke 23:39-42 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" [40] But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, **for we are getting what our deeds deserve.** But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**"

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

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 27:35-44 In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Ephesians 2:12 ...without hope and without God in the world.

The reason for our doubt is that we have _____ to offer God that can bring _____ for ourselves!

2. JESUS' _____ TO OUR DOUBT.

Luke 23:43 Jesus answered him, "**I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.**"

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.

Salvation is not in the _____ of man but in the _____ of God!

3. THE _____ FOR OUR DOUBT.

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There is only one way you and I can know we're going to heaven...by the _____ of _____ !

John 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

1 John 5:11-13 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that **you may know** that you have eternal life.

Titus 1:2 ...a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,

This story tells me three things...

1. _____ who wants to be saved can be saved.
2. It's never too _____ for anyone to be saved.
3. Anybody who is saved should _____ that they are saved.