

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I went to a Christian college, and I had a great experience. Part of the admission requirement was that you had to write your personal testimony telling of when you came to faith in Jesus Christ. But do you know what? Every year some students came to faith in Christ. They had assumed that, because they prayed a prayer or whatever, they were genuinely converted. But they were wrong, and they realized it sitting in those classrooms and listening to chapel messages.

Don't get me wrong. God wants us to be confident, having the assurance of our salvation. But if there is no evidence in our lives, then we need to examine our hearts.

Second Corinthians chapter 13, verses 4 and 5, specifically and strongly point to the life and death issue as it relates to salvation; “For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.” That's the assurance side, but verse 5 says; “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test?”

In other words, the Apostle says, “Look at your life. Is there fruit? Do you really know for sure that Christ is in your life? Is there evidence that you've experienced the new birth?” Having knowledge about Christ is not the same as being in Christ. God's work in us demonstrates the reality of our salvation.

Here's what I want you to remember and do today. Examine your heart. Do you know for sure that Christ is in your life? If not, settle the matter today. Turn to Him, and receive Him as your Savior and Lord.