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Any advice or counsel given is provided for informational purposes only. Your host for There is Hope, Richard Dover. Welcome to There is Hope Radio.

I've been doing a series on communication. The next one is going to be titled, No Appearance of Evil, Transparency. But today, because Christmas is coming up, the topic is going to be about true salvation.

Jesus is the reason for this season. Jesus came to this earth to become the Savior of mankind. The purpose of this broadcast is that many proclaim to know Jesus as their Savior, but their lifestyle is much different.

There's a difference between Jesus being Savior and Jesus being Lord and Savior. There's a big difference between being a fan of Jesus and being a follower of Jesus. This broadcast is going to be one of those let's get real shows.

So I have to give you a warning. My goal is not to intentionally offend anyone. Just remember, if your toes are sticking out, that is on you, not me.

The truth sets free. Actually, the truth sets free when we apply it to our life. So let's all make a commitment to apply the truth in our own life.

If you're just a fan of Jesus, if Jesus is your Savior but not the Lord of Lords of your life, you most likely are not born again. You're not saved. You do not have eternal life.

Remember, I said let's get real. In this broadcast, we're going to look at seven indicators of true salvation. But listen to me.

In the Bible Belt, there's a mindset that if you're born in a Christian home, if grandma is a Christian, if you go to church, if you said a prayer, if you're born in the Bible Belt, you must be born again and saved and have insurance of eternal life in heaven. That is so far from the truth. I asked a pastor one day, why does it seem so many so-called Christians in the Bible Belt have little evidence of being born again? He said many who live in the Bible Belt have been inoculated with Jesus.

They got a shot of Jesus but no discipleship and it's questionable if they really have Jesus in their life. The Bible actually addresses this in 2nd Timothy 3 1 to 5. This is what it says, *but understand this, that in the last days difficult times will come for people be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers without self-control, savage, opposed to what is good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, loving pleasure rather than loving God.* And then listen to verse 5. *They will maintain the outward appearance of religion but will have repudiated its power. So avoid people like these.*

Sadly there are those who claim to be Christians that do not even maintain the outward appearance of religion. I believe that part of the problem is the belief or doctrine of some is

that you can say a prayer at five years old and live like the devil the rest of your life and you're going to heaven because of a prayer you said.

Others have a greasy grace sloppy agape gospel that insinuates you can have Jesus as your savior but not the Lord of your life. There are several Bible verses that contradict this. One specifically is Romans 10:8-10

The word is near you in your mouth in your heart that is the word of faith that we preach because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved for with the heart one believes and thus has righteousness and with the mouth one confesses and thus has salvation.

So there's two main words here there's a word that says confess with your mouth and believe in your heart confess in the Greek means to say the same thing to exclaim that means that if we take that definition because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus Lord that means that you believe and you proclaim you exclaim that Jesus is the Lord of your life if you're truly born again the next word is and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you'll be saved believe in the Greek means to entrust to rely upon to be persuaded so that would mean that you are trusting in you're persuaded you are convinced that Jesus rose from the dead and that through him you will be saved.

Okay now it's time to really get real and you thought it was getting real already but what we're going to do is we're going to look at seven indicators that give evidence if you've been born again if you truly have eternal life. Now listen. I'm sharing a lot of material in a very short period of time I have good news for you. You can obtain the transcript of this radio show and the podcast by going to thereishoperadio.org that is thereishoperadio.org. You will also be able to find an in-depth study titled Seven Indicators of True Salvation .

So this look at these indicators and ask yourself are these indicators in my life, are one of them, two of them, all of them in my life. So listen closely.

Indicator One-A lifestyle of obedience to God.

If a person is truly born again there will be fruit in their life showing a desire to live according to the will of God. Listen, if you believe as a Christian you can live any way you want you're most likely not born again.

Indicator Two-A confession of Jesus as the Christ, God's Son.

If a person is truly born again they believe Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of mankind. Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone. If you believe there are many ways to heaven you most likely are not born again.

Indicator Three- A lifestyle of repentance of sin.

If a person is truly born again there will be the fruit of repentance. When they sin they confess, repent. If you're spending more time to cover up your sin than repent of it you most likely are not born again.

Indicator Four-Genuine love for other believers. There are those who claim to be Christians that say they love Father God but not his children. A person who is truly born again loves his brothers and sisters in the Lord. If you have a disdain for the body of Christ you most likely are not born again.

Indicator Five-The Discipline of God Your Father.

If a person is truly born again there have been times they have sinned and experienced correction from God. If you're an active willful rebellious sin and not experiencing correction from God you most likely are not born again.

Indicator Six-The Presence of God's Holy Spirit.

A person that is truly born again will sense God's Holy Spirit in their life. If you're in the midst of an ungodly sinful environment and it does not grieve your spirit you most likely are not born again.

Indicator Seven-Faith in Jesus Alone for Salvation.

A person that's truly born again understands that their good behavior, their good works, their attendance at church, or anything else, does not get them into heaven. Faith in Christ alone, not faith and works. If you're trying to get to heaven through good works you most likely are not born again.

So here's a summary of the seven indicators of true salvation:

Indicator One-A lifestyle of obedience to God

Indicator Two-A confession of Jesus as the Christ, God's Son.

Indicator Three-A lifestyle repentance of sin.

Indicator Four-Genuine love for other believers.

Indicator Five-The discipline of God your father.

Indicator Six-The presence of God's Holy Spirit.

Indicator Seven-Faith in Jesus alone for salvation,

In this broadcast we don't have time to cover in depth these seven indicators of true salvation. But I have good news for you. I have a pdf that you can download that covers this topic more fully plus you can also obtain a transcript of this broadcast and listen to the podcast. To obtain the resources go to thereishoperadio.org that's thereishoperadio.org.

Before I end this broadcast I absolutely want to pray for you. Listen, there is hope. You can have the assurance that when you die you have eternal life in heaven. The greatest gift you can have for Christmas is eternal life. So let's pray. Heavenly Father I pray for every single person that's listening to this broadcast. I know some listening are atheists, agnostics, they don't believe in God whatsoever, others are religious folk, they have a lot of religion but they don't have much relationship with you. What I am praying Father God is that all that are listening will ultimately have a relationship with Jesus Christ as their lord and savior so they may have eternal life. I pray father God that those who have questions, those who are wondering if they're truly born again or not, those Lord who are just concerned about how they're living life and want to know how to live life in a better healthier way, that Lord they will get a hold of me, will you speak to them to give a call. I pray this in Jesus name amen. Listen if you have any questions about salvation, even if you want to challenge me on the topic of salvation through Jesus Christ alon that you are an atheist or agnostics believe me it's safe to talk to me to share your heart. I'm not going to hate you, not going to attack you, I just want to hear what you have to say, this go ahead and challenge each other. If you have questions about eternal life, or you want to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, or you just have questions about spirituality, whatever it may be you can give me a call my name is PreacherRichD or just call me Rich and you can give me a call at 1-866-want-god that's 1-866-w-a-n-t-g-o-d, 1-866-want-god. One last thing. Because I have another minute here, if you would like to receive Jesus Christ right now you don't need to give me a call all

you need to do is call out to God. Just say a simple prayer to Jesus. Your prayer won't get you saved. it won't get you born again. it won't get you to heaven, but you turning your life over to Jesus as your Lord and Savior will. But I'm going to share a prayer that you could do. It doesn't have to be the exact same words, it can be something similar, but it's just a way to let God know that you're turning your life over to Jesus Christ. That prayer could be as simple as this. Lord Jesus I know that I have sinned against you and deserved the judgment of God. I believe that you died in the cross to pay for my sins. I choose now to turn away from my sins. I know I can't do it on my own but I know that you can give me the desire to turn away from my sins and I ask for your forgiveness. Jesus I'm making you the lord and boss of my life. Change me and help me now to live the rest of my life for You. Thank you for giving me a home in heaven when I die amen. So if you pray something similar to that pretty much what it is is you are acknowledging that you're a sinner you're acknowledging that you need a savior, you're acknowledging that Jesus died for your sins, you're acknowledging that Jesus rose from the grave, and to be able to give you salvation, you acknowledge that you need forgiveness and that you want Jesus to be the Lord, the boss of your life. And again you take the step to pray God does the rest, so don't try to get cleaned up before you do the prayer, don't try to get everything fixed before you do the prayer. Call out to God and let him take care of the rest of it. He'll do all that needs to be done in your life and then I would just encourage you to again get with me or get with someone else and let them know what you've done. You got a friend that's a Christian? Let them know you've prayed and that now you want to be disciplined. Remember what I said at the very beginning of the show that the pastor said that the reason a lot of people aren't serving God is because they got a little dab of Jesus and never disciplined. Listen to him it takes more than saying a prayer, it takes you studying the Word of God, it takes you having fellowship with other Christians. It takes you allowing God to mold and shape you and change you. You can have eternal life through Jesus Christ. Well thank you for listening.

Before we end today's broadcast I want to share an exciting opportunity that has opened up for our ministry Creating Futures. Creating Futures is all about trying to bring positive change in people's lives and we believe through the power of the gospel we can do that. We have the opportunity to get the gospel to every home in our local communities of Fairfield Bay, Greers Ferry, Heber Springs. We have the opportunity to get the gospel into every home in the state of Arkansas. As exciting as this is, we have even more good news. The cost for this outreach is zero dollars, Yes, you heard that correctly. There is no cost all. This is able to happen because of Saturate USA a ministry committed to getting the gospel in every home in America. To learn more about this amazing opportunity go to standinginthegap.creatingfutures.org. That is standinginthegap.creatingfutures.org and click on gospel.

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