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Guest article, part 1 of 2:

Do You Know You Will Go To Heaven?

by Mike Riley

Heaven, or Hell? A Christian lady phoned to ask if it was right for her to tell others that she knew she was going to heaven. She had begun to doubt it was right for her to say this to others because they might think she was bragging.

What Can We Know?

Does the Bible teach that we can know we are going to heaven? If so, what passage can be quoted to prove we can know? We may not be able to know we are going to heaven, but we can know we have eternal life (1 John 5:13).

How Can We Know?

The purpose of what John wrote, was so we can “know” we have eternal life. Our knowledge that we have eternal life is not based on emotions, a special testimony of the Holy Spirit, or an inner feeling. We can “know” based on what is written, for John wrote so that we may “know” we have eternal life.

Preceding verse 13, John stated, ***“And this is the testimony that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life”*** (1 John 5:11-12). God gave testimony through the miracles he performed through Jesus (John 8:18; John 10:25; Acts 2:22), that through our believing in him, based on what has been written concerning Jesus, we can “know” we have eternal life (John 20:30-31).



The Word of God!

Today's Sermon

One of our shepherds, Courtney Cheri, is bringing us a third message in our series this morning:

a.m. *“You Gotta Read the Fine Print”*

Matthew 19:4-6

p.m.

Opportunity for discussion and reflection on the morning sermon.

Eternal Life in Jesus

Our assurance of eternal life is because we can share the eternal life that is in Jesus. We can “know” we have eternal life if we are “in him”; the source of eternal life. Our entry into Jesus takes place through our faith and repentance when we are baptized “into Christ” (Romans 6:3; Gal. 3:27). Our having eternal life is dependent on our being “in Jesus” in whom is eternal life.

After we are baptized, we can “know” we are in Jesus if we keep his word (1 John 2:4-5). We can “know” we are in Jesus and have eternal life if we perfect our love for God by keeping his word and continuing in what was taught in the beginning years of Christianity (1 John 2:24-25)

Welcome Visitors!

We are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you to our service. We think you will find our congregation family to be one that enthusiastically embraces newcomers and warmly welcomes them into our fellowship. We hope you feel right at home as you join us in worship, praise and thanksgiving.

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## *Sermon Series Reminder!*

Continuing our Sunday morning sermon series on discerning God's will as it pertains to matters of marriage, divorce and remarriage, one of our shepherds, Courtney Cheri, is presenting his third message this morning. All three of our elders are planning on taking turns to preach most of the remaining sermons.

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Anticipated New Arrivals!

Erin Carter Taylor (Joyce Carter's granddaughter) - expecting a little boy around 28 February.

Jaimie Sparks is expecting a baby in March. Pray for mother and child's good health throughout her pregnancy.

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## **"REMEMBER IN PRAYER & ENCOURAGE"**



With Visits, Calls, & Cards  
The nation of France and the capitol of Paris as they grieve and struggle to come to grips with barbarian ISIS atrocities that occurred of Friday.

**Roger Waters** (Shirley Fowler's brother, of Granada, MS) - just diagnosed with lung cancer. Doctors don't give him long to live, whether he opts for chemotherapy or not.

**Tom Woods** (husband of Jesse Fowler's niece) - has colon cancer that has metastasized into his lungs.

**Paul Moragne** - recovering from gall bladder removal surgery Friday in Bogalusa. He is home already, and if all goes well he may be healed well in about a week.

**Daniel Alderete** - former member here, has moved to his father's hometown of San Antonio, where he is hospitalized with two newly discovered malignant and inoperable brain tumors. Doctors give him no more than a year to live. You can communicate with Dan by friending him on Facebook, or by writing to him at his father's address:

Daniel Alderete  
3210 Rosette Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78247

**NOTE:** It is necessary in correspondence to refer to him as "Daniel" instead of "Dan," since his father also goes by "Dan" at this address.

**Dan Ledford** (a preacher of the church in Alabama) - diagnosed as having a brain tumor.

**Kimberley Carter** - diagnosed with Epstein-Barr syndrome (mononucleosis).

**Larry Covington** (co-worker of Dorsie's) - hospitalized in an ICU in Jackson, MS with breathing difficulties and low oxygen.

**The family of Kathleen Nassar** (a friend of Sarah Schillinger Ridner) - recently found deceased in her home in Tullahoma, TN.

**Rose Acker** - is experiencing periodic brief hospitalizations for congestive heart fluid retention

**Ronald Molina** (Gerald's brother, in E. Tennessee) - receiving radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

**Akram & Martha Mustafa** (Nayla's parents) - have travelled to his hometown of Ramallah, Palestine, for business during a time of heightened Israeli-Palestinian violence and tensions. Pray for their safety and that they will soon be able to con-

clude their business and return home to Slidell as scheduled this Tuesday.

**Roger Whitley** (in-law of the Moragnes) - suffering from emphysema in North Carolina.

**Angel Mangus** (of Houston, TX, niece of Carl Mangus) - afflicted with inoperable stage 4 brain cancer.

**Jase Roig** (premature infant son of Colton Roig) - pray for God's healing hand to be upon through his long-term health problems of an arachnoid cyst in his brain, and cardiac openings that have not yet healed.

**Jessica Jackson** (daughter of a friend of George Roig) - age 26, suffering chronic headaches and depression which have only recently begun.

**Marie Peterson** - recovering at home from recent surgery.

**Tod Grabert** - recovering at home in Lafourche Parish from recent serious back surgery.

**Walter Acker, Jr.** ("Butch") - suffering chest pains and has been recently hospitalized.

**Kathy Mathern** (Bridget Carter's mother) - recovering well in Metairie following recent knee surgery.

**Mildred Tymkiw** - continuing her recovery at her daughter's home here in Slidell. Calls are very much appreciated, but not visits please at this time.

**Jerry Kimbrough** (former member here, now at the church of Christ at S. Baton Rouge) - diagnosed with cancer in his eye, and will be undergoing chemotherapy soon.

**Shirley Ervin** - thanksgiving that she is healing following recent neck surgery and is striving now to return to normal activity levels.

**Stephanie Smith** (sister of Kevin Cox) - needs surgery for her right shoulder, but a calcium deficiency won't permit this now.

**Zach Steele** - suffering now from abnormal cells in his blood called myelodysplastic

syndrome (MDS). It is what can be called a "second cancer." It's not cancer, but can be, and in his case is a result/side effect of previous treatments for cancer.

Zach will be having chemo and selective radiation treatments periodically for the foreseeable future.

**Rosa Nuñez** (good friend of the Vargas family) - having serious painful health problems.

**Jessica Fowler** (Jesse and Shirley's granddaughter, a resident of Lockport, LA) - facing severe personal problems.

**Terri Jones** - pray that she'll come to feel better through her negative phases in her Epstein-Barr disorder.

**Dale Epperley** - awaiting a new prosthesis that will relieve the pain and inflammation in his leg.

**Gerald Molina** - still seeing doctors for spinal stenosis.

**Sharon Honoré** (sister of Anita, and a member at the Crowder Blvd. church) - has advanced breast cancer.

**Clara Leonard** - overall pain continues to subside somewhat, though her ankle bothers her now.

**Bobby Leonard** - awaiting test results from his recent appointment with a kidney specialist.

**Alexis Leonard** (Joyce Carter's granddaughter) - scheduled to have recently implanted knee hardware to be surgically removed on 17 Nov.

**Fairie Roig** - also has a recent flare-up of pain in her right knee.

**Devon Nelson** (Roig's grandson) - has recently enlisted in the U.S. Army (November 3), and has begun basic training at Fort Benning, GA.

**Marisol Vargas** - gone to her parents' home in Costa Rica, for at least two more weeks, to care for her mother, **Maria Aurelia Alsaro**, who has been afflicted with two infections. The latest word is that she has recovered very well despite earlier

grim prognoses by attending physicians that gave virtually no hope. We give God the glory for his answer t to our prayers! Pray for Robert too, as he gets by in Marisol's absence.

**Pray for all who are travelling.**

**Pray for Latino evangelism in our area.**

**Pray for our elders: Courtney Cheri, Dwight Jones and Gerald Molina.**

**Pray for President Obama and all our elected officials.**

**Pray for our men and women in our armed forces, both here and abroad!**

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***The Old Testament Narratives:  
Their Proper Use*** (continued)

Adapted from Fee & Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)

*Principles for Interpreting Narratives*

*The Ruth Narrative* (continued)

If one is not familiar with the Ruth narrative, one should read the book through at least twice. Then, going back, we take particular note of the following implicit points that the narrative makes.

1. The narrative tells us that Ruth converted to faith in the LORD, the God of Israel. It does this by reporting Ruth's words to Naomi, "*Your people will be my people and your God my God*" (1:16), rather than by telling us "Ruth was converted." We are expected to be able to recognize that because she took the LORD as her God, she was converted. The narrative also implicitly confirms Ruth's conversion as genuine and not just lip service, by reporting these words of Ruth: "*The LORD do to me, and more also if...*" (1:17). These words clearly imply, though they do not state outright, that Ruth, a Moabite who once worshiped the gods of the Moabites, now believes in and lives by the standards of Yahweh, the LORD, Israel's God. There is no doubt that the narrative tells us that Ruth converted to faith in the true God, even though this is nowhere explicitly

stated.

2. The narrative tells us implicitly that Boaz was a righteous Israelite who kept the Mosaic Law, though many other Israelites did not. Where does it say that? Look carefully at 2:3-13, 2:22, 3:10-12, and 4:9, 10. It is clear that Boaz, by his speech, sees himself as loyal to and under the authority of the LORD. We see that Boaz is keeping the law of gleaning promulgated in Leviticus 19:9, 10 (Ruth fits both categories of that law--she is poor and an alien), that he is keeping the law of redemption as promulgated in Leviticus 25:23, 24, and that not all Israelites were so loyal to the law--indeed it was dangerous to glean in the fields of people who did not obey the law's gleaning obligations (Ruth 2:22).

(to be continued)



**Our Leaders!**

Elders

Dwight Jones  
Courtney Cheri  
Gerald Molina

Preacher

Dan Schillinger

Deacons

Jesse Fowler  
James Richardson  
Hector Urbina

**Our Services**

*Sunday Morning Bible Class*            9:30 a.m.  
*Sunday Morning Worship*            10:30 a.m.  
*Sunday Evening Worship*            5:00 p.m.  
  
*Wednesday Evening Bible Class*    7:00 p.m.  
  
*Stitches of Love*                        Tuesday 9:00 a.m.