

Dear Brother Faull,

I was wondering what you would do when you got to the judgment and you stood before the judgment seat of Christ and He told you, "Depart from me, you worker of iniquity I NEVER knew you," the way that many will be told in that day"



ANSWER:

Of course I do not know for sure. Right now my feelings would be these:

Since I believe so strongly in the Holiness and justice of God, I would hope that I would not accuse Him of unfairness.

I would hope that I would say, "Let God be true and every man a liar."

I would hope that I would remember He is all wise and that since He can read my heart and knows more of me than I know myself, that I could accept His verdict without rebellion and complaint. I know full well that the heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

I would hope I would not forget that He was not willing that I perish. That He is just. That He came to die for me and that perhaps my motives were not as pure as I thought, my obedience was not as complete in some area that I sinfully overlooked due to pride. Perhaps my doctrine was false, and that my commitment was not thorough.

Of course I would try to understand how I failed Him. I would be broken-hearted that I did not get to spend eternity with Him.

I would know that anger would not be justified. I could not accuse Him of prejudice or respect of persons. I would have to think my doctrine of Him was either incorrect, or

that I had loved the things of this world too much, or that I had somehow been sidetracked from eternal things and did not seek first His Kingdom, or in fear had hid my talents in the ground.

One thing I preach and am absolutely positive about. Sincerity is not enough. Paul persecuted the Church and thought that he ought. He said that he lived in all good conscience. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof is the way of death."

Do not let this article let you think that I do not believe that you can know that you are saved because John wrote a book in which he said, "I have written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." **1 John 5:13.**

It is just that some of us do not test ourselves by that book or we lie to ourselves when we are taking the test. I have no doubt of my salvation, but I have tried to answer your question.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?." **Numbers 23:19**

I believe His promises but that is not to say that my own lusts may throw me a curve down the road and I could turn bitter, unforgiving, hateful, and lose faith in God. Millions have, and it is absurd to talk about them never being saved in the first place.

If, for example, hatred of a brother occurred in my life and it is not repented of, I know if I hate my brother I am a murderer and I know no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

A woman may know she is pregnant today, but she can not know she will be pregnant tomorrow. Likewise, I do not doubt that I am saved today.

I do not know if I will be saved ten years from now. That is why I must give diligence to make my calling and election sure.