
The Pursuit of Holiness

When Life Starts to Fall Apart, What Do I Believe?

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“And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” **1 Peter 1:17–19, ESV**

Is God My Father?

There Are Only 2 Types of Relationships I Can Have with God
As Judge or As Father

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” **Romans 8:1, ESV**

Do I Conduct My Life in Fear?

If I Do Not Fear God I Do Not Obey
and Honor God by The Way I Live

Do I Know and Value the Cost of My Salvation?

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Key Word: Knowing

“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” **Luke 7:47**

I Was Ransomed

Right Here Is One of The Major Differences Between Protestantism and Catholicism

Catholicism: Believes in Purgatory

Fear by Punishment

Protestantism: Believes That the Blood of Jesus Paid It All

Fear by Love

When I Do Not Fear God, When I Take Him for Granted, I Lose
the Power of What I Say I Believe

“Have you forgotten the encouraging words which God speaks to you as his sons and daughters? “My child, pay attention when the Lord corrects you, and do not be discouraged when he rebukes you. Because the Lord corrects everyone he loves, and punishes everyone he accepts as his child... Was there ever a child who was not punished by his father?” *Hebrews 12:5–7, GNB*

Why Are These Questions Important?

“He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.” *1 Peter 1:20–21, ESV*

“Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people...” *1 Peter 1:3–4, GNB*

“... set your hope completely on the blessing which will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.” *1 Peter 1:13, GNB*

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