Conversion at the Cross

Luke 23:32-43

Introduction

- 1. Jesus was the Middle Man completely
- 2. Between God and Man
- 3. In the middle of the geographic world
- 4. The Middle Cross
- 5. Jesus did make it happen but he allowed it to happen
- 6. B.C. and A.D. He is in the middle of the world time-line

Verse 39 The Unconverted Thief

- 1. If thou be Christ
- 2. He did not believe Jesus was the Messiah
- 3. He was a voice for Satan
- 4. Genesis 3 (Hath God said)
- 5. Matthew 4:3,6 If thou be the Son of God
- 6. Prove it by saving thyself
- 7. And us!
- 8. He only cared about himself.
- 9. He only cared about his earthly well-being

Verses 40-42 The Converted Thief

- 1. Verse 40 He feared God by fearing Jesus
- 2. Verse 40 Even in dying don't you fear God
- 3. Verse 40 I am broken next to Jesus
- 4. Verse 41 I am a sinner
- 5. Verse 41 I am guilty and deserve to pay for my crime
- 6. Verse 41 I am guilty but Jesus is innocent
- 7. Verse 42 Jesus, Lord
- 8. Verse 42 He recognized Jesus as Lord
- 9. Verse 42 Remember me when you come into your kingdom
- 10. Verse 42 Jesus You are Lord and God
- 11. Verse 42 I believe in Who You are.

Verse 43 The Crucified Christ

- 1. Verily = Listen to Me = pay attention
- 2. Today = immediately
- 3. You are going to die and know your destiny
- 4. You will be with Me
- 5. In Paradise = In My presence = the place of God.
- 6. In an instant a sinner's eternal destiny was changed in a few simple words.
- 7. 1 Corinthians 5:3 To be absent with the body is to be present with the Lord.

Conclusion

- 1. You go to hell by denying Jesus as God and caring only for this life (Thief 1).
- 2. You go to heaven by repentance and faith in Jesus by confession
- 3. Luke 12:8 (Confess Me before men)
- 4. Romans 10:9
- 5. Jesus is faithful to save anybody at any time when they ask.

Proposition

- 1. If you question whether you are saved look at this instance
- 2. Pray and repent and recognize Jesus as Lord (Faith)
- 3. At that moment you are saved like the thief.