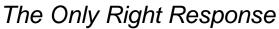
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## **Focal Point Radio Ministries**

## How to Get Eternal Life





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Matthew 19:27







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## **Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

 God's first exhortation regarding marriage in Genesis 2:24 (i.e., to "leave" & "cleave") rightly finds its parallel in the biblical call of the gospel (e.g., as Peter described it: "we have *left* everything to *follow* you"). Describe in your own words why "repentance" & "faith" (or *forsaking* other masters and *trusting* Christ) is an inseparable "package deal."

How would you respond to a single person who says his future marriage won't begin with a commitment to "leave" & "cleave" because he is not sure he'll be able to live up to that kind of high standard?

2. How would your life be different now if your response to the gospel was merely a decision to "mentally assent" to a set of facts about God (i.e., as some wrongly define "faith") instead of a genuine "turning" to God from idols and "trusting" in Christ?

Read **James 2:19** and its context. How does this passage help you differentiate between "mental assent" and a kind of trust that changes the focus and direction of your life?

3. In what way is biblical repentance more than feeling sorry for the wrong things we have done?

4. Describe the circumstances surrounding your response to the gospel (i.e., repentance and faith).

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0614 - A Crash Course in Repentance & Faith

CD # 0519 - Understanding God-Induced Repentance & Faith

CD # 0503 - Avoiding the Mistake of Tinkering with the Gospel

CD # 0564 – Understanding the Primary Components of the Good News

CD # 9724 - But I've Always Been a "Christian"

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

April 20th

Judg.12-14 & Jn.11

April 21st

Judg.15-16 & Jn.12

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Judg.17-19 & Jn.13

April 23rd

Judg.20-21 & Jn.14

April 24th

Ruth 1-2 & Jn.15

April 25th

Ruth 3-4 & Jn.16

April 26th

. 1Sam.1-2 & Jn.17

April 27th

1Sam.3-4 & Jn.18

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org.**)

Chantry, Walter J. Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic? Banner of Truth, 1970.

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Metzger, Will. Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People. InterVarsity, 1984.

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Moody, Dwight L. Only Trust Him. Vine Books, 1988.

Nash, Ronald H. Is Jesus the Only Savior? Zondervan, 1994.

Roberts, Richard Owen. Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel. Crossway Books, 2002.

Sproul, R. C. Getting the Gospel Right: The Tie That Binds Evangelicals Together. Baker Books, 1999.

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