



The Monthly Beacon

"When Jesus spoke to the people again, He said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- John 8:12

ARE WE THERE YET?

It's summertime a time where families are headed out on well-planned vacations. The bags are packed, the mode of transportation established, and everyone is ready to start their journey. The benefits of travel can never be underestimated as it provides a time of reflection and an opportunity to escape the busyness of life as you reconnect with friends and family and it encourages communication-creating memories that can last a lifetime. But getting there can be tedious and nerve racking especially if the length of travel is long. As impatience sets in you begin to hear that restless chant from the impatient little ones; "Are we there yet, are we there yet?" As their chants echo over and over again you begin to think, "is this journey really worth it".

As Christians we too are on a journey and we don't know when we will get there but we are determined we will. Just like impatient children we can become impatient and be heard echoing "are we there yet"? What is significant about this journey is that the road ahead is not always clear. You may run into some road closures, construction zones, accidents, flight delays, turbulence, detours, slow moving traffic, re-routes, flying debris, bad drivers, distracted drivers, and road rage but you are determined to get where you're going. Wanting to go to heaven requires more than a desire to get there. There is a road map outlined by God that ensures us that we will reach our destination.





The book of Romans provides direction in beginning your journey:

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” “Romans 10:8-13

Confession of Christ is what begins our journey. Confession is relinquishing your will to the will of God. As you begin your journey you will find that He will lead the way.

No matter where you are whether in the darkest of valleys (Psalm 23:4), in the wilderness (1 Kings 19:4), in uncertainty (Genesis 12:1-2), or wherever you are in your journey, trust that God will get you there.

“Are we there yet”? No, but we will get there!

“Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God. It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. He paid with Christ’s sacred blood, you know. He died like an unblemished, sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately—at the end of the ages—become public knowledge, God always knew he was going to do this for you. It’s because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.” 1 Peter 1:18-21 The Message (MSG)