



Getting Ready for Christmas

"It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment." ~Hebrews 9:27

Five False Assurances

1. I **am a good person.**

"All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags..." ~Isaiah 64:6

2. I **believe in God.**

"Even the demons believe and tremble..." ~James 2:19

"The fool has said in his heart, there is no God..." ~Psalm 53:1

3. I **attend church.**

4. I **was baptized.**

5. I **feel** I am a Christian.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" ~Matthew 7:21-23

Five Biblical Marks

1. Personal **repentance** and personal **faith** in Jesus Christ.

"Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." ~Romans 10:

2. The **witness** of the Holy Spirit.

He has the **"ministry of assurance"**.

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." ~1 John 5:

3. The **work** of the Holy Spirit.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." ~2 Corinthians 5:

4. A changed view of **sin.**

"Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth." ~Colossians :

5. Life **change.**

"I have been put to death with Christ on His cross, so that it no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave His life for me." ~Galatians 2:19-