

saved and the one who is lost. The one who is ^{wise} ~~lost~~, the one who is truly saved is the one who has personally accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. Not merely repeated words, not merely had an emotional experience. Not merely sat with others and been carried away by the emotional situation and gone forward and shaken somebody's hand, or signed a pledge or something like that. It is a personal relationship to Jesus Christ. And I ^{do not} personally/believe that anyone of us has a right to say to anybody else you are saved. I believe we can say, If you from the heart believe that Jesus Christ has borne your sins on the cross. If you from the heart have repented of your sins and turned to Him for salvation, then you are saved. But whether you have done that, you can know and Jesus Christ knows. God knows. Other people can only guess from your works.

But it is very important that each of us be sure of that for himself. After I got my Master of Arts degree at college, I went to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for a year. There a student with whom I was a very fine spiritual group. I used to enjoy going out with them to street meetings and to various other types of Christian work, and we would have very excellent speakers in our services there. But you know when we would get some really good speaker, time after time some of these folks who seemed to be the most spiritual in the student body, one would come forward after another and say, I never really was a Christian. I have been a hypocrite all these years, and now I have accepted Christ as my Saviour." So many did that, I began to wonder, Have I really accepted Christ as Saviour. I believe I had, that I had been a child of God for many years. But I ~~fac~~ed that problem one night, and I said, Lord if I never have I do so now. I never have had any ^{problem} ~~problem~~ with that since. So we can go to one extreme ~~o~~for the other. We can take for ~~br~~ granted that because we have said certain words we are saved. Or we can worry that we have not been, that we are not sure we have. Jesus