Pastoral Notes

'Don't let your behind get left behind' 1Thess 4.

If you can be sure of but one thing in life, it should be where you are going when you leave this earth, or when Jesus returns, whichever comes first.

As a pastor, I get the opportunity to talk to people about their salvation and sometimes people will pause and think when asked the question, "are you saved?" I want every bible believing, Jesus confessing, water

thief in the night, and we must be ready.

The bible is clear that those who are "in Christ" will be caught up in the air to meet Jesus but it doesn't say whether we are going up with him to the old heaven, or coming back down with him to the new Jerusalem. It is clear, however, that not everyone will be caught up. Some will be left behind.

There are two facets to being saved: God's grace and your faith.
God's grace doesn't

Key Sermonic Points

- 1. Do you really know how much time you have?
- 2. Do you have a ticket to board the flight to glory?
- 3. Do you know Jesus will personally take you home?

baptized believer to have no hesitation or doubt in knowing that you are saved.

When you know that you are covered by the blood of Jesus, **you don't have** worry or be in a hurry for tomorrow. If it comes you can rejoice and be glad in the flesh. It if doesn't, you can rejoice and be glad in the Spirit. But people need to understand that tomorrow, in the flesh, is promised to no one. Jesus made it clear that no one knows the day nor hour of his triumphant **return** (2nd Advent) but that he will come quickly like a

change and neither should your faith. Your good works didn't get you saved, so for all our sakes, our 'not-so-good works can't get us unsaved. That's good news for me because it assures me that 'my behind won't be left behind'.

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Stay Blessed, Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

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- Some people will eternally experience the presence of God, while others will eternally experience the wrath of God.
- You may get the CTA or Metra train to wait on you, but the train going to glory will wait for no one.
- If God let you know the exact date and time of Jesus return would you serve him like you do now?
- Be watchful by opening your eyes and be ready by opening your heart.