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Focal Point Radio Ministries  
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part 1  
**Am I Really a Christian?**  
*Being Rightly Concerned About Real Faith*



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**1. Think** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)

**2. Objectively** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2)

**3. Respect** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3a)

*Hebrews 4:1-3a*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. <sup>2</sup> For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. <sup>3</sup> Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

(NIV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read **Isaiah 55:6-7**. It highlights God's incredible grace to read that his promise of forgiveness is still being extended to us in the present age. As the writer of Hebrews has continually underscored, "Today!" is the day to repent of our sins and trust fully in what Christ has done for us. The urgency of God's grace appears to be more clearly seen in Scripture than in the modern church. Why do you think this is the case?

How often would you say you pause to consider the fact that salvation's opportunity is fleeting? What would be different if you pondered this more often?

2. Read **Matthew 23:33-34**. Jesus often connected his audience's attitude toward sound doctrine with what is ultimately at stake for all of us – heaven and hell. How can this be a wake up call for us?

How can we make sure that we are "rightly concerned about real faith" without calling God's faithfulness and his promise of forgiveness into question?

3. In what situations have you seen your own tendency to embrace a "head knowledge" of a particular truth while failing to employ that truth with your actions?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 13:5**. Describe how Hebrews 4:1-3a (and this sermon) has prompted you to reexamine your faith?

## Through the Bible in 2006

Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!

January 15<sup>th</sup>

Gen.30-31 & Mt.15

January 16<sup>th</sup>

Gen.32-33 & Mt.16

January 17<sup>th</sup>

Gen.34-35 & Mt.17

January 18<sup>th</sup>

Gen.36-37 & Mt.18

January 19<sup>th</sup>

Gen.38-39 & Mt.19

January 20<sup>th</sup>

Gen.40-41 & Mt.20

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Gen.42-43 & Mt.21

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Gen.44-45 & Mt.22

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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