



## **NOT SAVED, NOT SAFE**

**Luke 13:3; Ecclesiastes 12: 1**

The state of being "safe" is to be free from harm or danger. It is to be secure and protected from pending or looming destruction or doom. The Lord Jesus Christ warns of the danger of dying and perishing while neglecting the message of salvation (Luke 13:1-5). Sinners are exposed to the whims of Satan, the most dangerous being sending the soul to eternal hell. In our contemporary time, young adults are targeted by the kingdom of darkness with all kinds of vices like occultism, drugs, alcoholism, pornography, Satanic music, loss of sensitivity to God, worldliness and worldly amusements etc. It is timely to warn young adults in the campuses of higher learning, where the deception of sin is rife, to think of their salvation in order to avoid dangerous exposures to the wickedness of Satan who is haunting for souls to send to hell. As we welcome both old and new students to the new academic year in the campus fellowship, we are reminded to prioritize our spirituality for us to be safe from the dangers lurking around for youths and young adults.

A basic Biblical truth to guide the thinking of young adults is the time constraint associated with the decision for salvation. The Bible reveals to us that the best time for this decision is during the youthful years. "**Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;**" (Ecclesiastes 12: 1). Seeking God for salvation and getting saved earlier in life helps a youth to bypass multitudes of errors, mistakes, deadly sins etc that portends many dangers that jeopardizes God's plan for our creation and redemption. These dangers are called the "**evil days**" that lies ahead of delaying salvation. Giving a youthful life to God offers the advantage of giving the best of years to God, the Creator who will begin to shape that life in the path of His divine purpose. Delaying the search for God's salvation puts young adults at the risk of entering those evil days, and it is not safe to wait till then.

God's salvation is personal, it's not expected to be mere passing on of generational religion from our parents and guardians. If you are not personally saved through Christ's sacrifice, you cannot be safe by any other means you choose for yourself: "**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**" (Matthew 11: 28 - 29). The Lord is inviting us to a personal relationship that brings salvation and safety. It involves our **personal acknowledgement** of our sinful state, **personal awareness** of our vulnerable situation without salvation, **personal appeal** to God through repentance and prayers, and **personal acceptance** of salvation through Christ's sacrifice by faith.

In conclusion, this Koinonia outline can be summarized in two sentences: **If you are not saved, you are not safe. And the decision for your salvation is yours.** The Lord is calling us all to give Him the best of our time as young adults in the campuses. As the academic year is rolling on, let us remember to give our spiritual life the priority. Let God be your number one to avoid mistakes and errors that Satan can take advantage of in your life.

**Further Discussion Questions**

1. What personal steps are required to be saved and be safe in the youthful age?  
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2. From the following Bible references, mention how the believer can be continually safe and secure?
  - i. John 10:27 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Philippians 2:5-8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. John 12:26 \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. 1 Peter 2:21 \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayers (suggested)**

May none of us fall victim of untimely eternal destruction in Jesus' name.  
May all of us find salvation in the acceptable time  
May all of us find our fit in God's plan at our young age

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