

How to Raise the Number of Lutherans Being Certain of Heaven

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Why is This Important to Us?

- ◆ If you die right now, why should God let you in heaven? Jesus died for my sins. Why is it so hard to answer this?
- ◆ KISS – Keep it Simple Stupid
- ◆ What is the Gospel? GRACE – God’s riches at Christ’s expense
- ◆ What keeps people away from church? Sports.
- ◆ 80% come to Christ before 18 years of age. 50-90% drop out of church before college graduation.

Discussion (from 2nd group)

- ◆ participation in the Kennedy program is helpful
- ◆ Teach and emphasize salvation by grace – new Sunday School material shows grace.
- ◆ Workshop on justification vs. sanctification.
- ◆ “Joy of our Salvation” in liturgy – what does this mean?
- ◆ Cite examples of people:
 - who died in peace
 - the family who can let them depart in peace
 - Alzheimer person who can’t participate