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I think it’s a useful phrase for today because it gives us a practical description of what actually needs to happen for a person to accept the good news of Jesus, to be “saved.”

Think of it in terms of closing on a house.

You can look at a house, admire it, know all about it, walk around it.

Think that you might like to own it.

Have the ability and resources to buy it.

You can even make an offer on it.

But until you CLOSE on the house, until you exchange something of value to you, until you sign your name, and take ownership, it isn’t yours.
That’s a great illustration of what it means to accept the gift of salvation in Jesus.

You can look at Him, study all about Him; you can go to church, and spend time there.

You can read a book, look at charts, infographics, and verses, but until you exchange your life, your will, your all to Him as much as you can, you haven’t closed with Him.

Once you have closed with Him—He is yours, salvation is yours, and you have a forever home with Him.

To carry the analogy one step further, to be a responsible homeowner, you are now responsible for the maintenance of your new home.

You want to keep things in good repair; you take on the upkeep duties necessary for comfortable living.

So too, in the Christian life, you take on the duties of discipleship, time in God’s Word, time in prayer, time with other Christians, and other spiritual practices to make your home with Jesus all it can be.

The most important question of life, after you’ve understood the explanations, evaluated the responsibilities, and considered the cost of becoming a Christian, is:

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