

Too Good To Be Saved?

In Christendom when we use such words or phrase, “saved,” “salvation,” “born again,” “being born again,” we are talking about having repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour. In response, people often say, “I am not that bad,” “I do not need to be saved,” or something similar. Then there are those who say, “I am a church member,” “I was baptized,” “I am a deacon or a Sunday school teacher,” or “I was raised in a Christian home.” Some people will say that they have never committed a murder, stolen or other crime, told a lie; that they live a clean moral life, etc. On and on the list may go and at the end their attitude is this, “I am too good to need to be saved” and we may ask if this so! Let us see what God has to say about this in His Word, the Bible, as we consider a few verses of Scripture.

- “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” {Genesis 6:5}
- “Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good [*no exceptions*], no, not one.” {Psalm 53:3}
- “But we are all [*no exceptions*] as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” {Isaiah 64:6}
- “As it is written, There is **none righteous** [*no exceptions*], no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is **none that doeth good** [*no exceptions*], no, not one.” {Romans 3:10-12}
- “For **all have sinned** [*no exceptions*], and come short of the glory of God;” {Romans 3:23}
- “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” {1 John 1:8}

These are just a few verses to prove that everyone of us are sinners. Now consider where sin came from.

- “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” [*a spiritual & physical death*] {Genesis 2:16-17}
- “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit [from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil] thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” {Genesis 3:6}
- “Wherefore, as by one man [*Adam*] sin entered into the world, and death [*spiritual & physical*] by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned**.” [*this means there are no exceptions*]{Romans 5:12}

Sin does exist in our world and, in the Bible the word “sin” appears 334 times in the Old Testament and 112 times in the New Testament. **Hell** is a very real place and this word is recorded 54 times in the Bible. Now consider two verses dealing with sin and the destination of sinners.

- “The wicked shall be turned into hell [*place of the dead & torment*], and all the nations that forget God.” {Psalm 9:17}
- “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, ...” {Luke 16:23}

There is one remedy and one remedy only for sin! Please listen to what God tells us in His Word.

- “For the wages of sin is death; **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**” {Romans 6:23}

This “gift” is made possible by God in the person of Jesus Christ. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” {John 3:16}

- “The next day John [*John the Baptist*] seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” {John 1:29}
- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} If we were not sinners, then why would Jesus do that for us?

- “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” {1 Peter 1:18-10} This is what Jesus, **THE** Lamb of God did for us on the Cross of Calvary.
- “For **Christ** also hath once **suffered** for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, . . .” {1 Peter 3:18} If you do not need to be saved, then why would Jesus endure the ordeal He did on the Cross on your behalf? The answer is this, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} God wants to forgive you and save you if you will repent of sin and trust Him as Saviour.

Do you still think that you are so good that you do not need to be saved? “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” {Luke 13:5} Speaking to a religious man Jesus said, “...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” {John 3:3}

For those who do repent of sin and trust Jesus as Saviour, we have God’s promise. “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5: 11,13} There is one person and one person only who can forgive and save you. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name [*Jesus Christ*] under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” {Acts 4:12}

Well friend, it is now up to you; will you repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour or will you continue as you are? It was because of His love for you that He shed His blood to pay your sin debt. It is a concern for your soul that this pamphlet has been written. Now you and you alone must make a decision!

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