

## Whosoever Means You!

In the Christian faith, we talk about the need for people to be saved or, as we often say, to be “born-again.” This is a foundational truth taught in the Word of God, the Bible. This Bible truth has been preached for centuries; God has not changed what He said, nor does He intend to. The reason people need to be born-again is because all of us are sinners; we were born with a sin nature that was inherited from Adam {Romans 5:12} and, all acts of sin are the result of this. The Bible makes it plainly clear that as the result of a sinful nature, all acts of sin whether spoken, thought, or done, originate in the heart. “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:” {Matthew 15:19} Because all of us are sinners, we need to have our sins forgiven and be born-again. If a person expects to go to Heaven, he **MUST** be born-again! Jesus was talking to a religious man when He said, “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” {John 3:3} For people to be born-again requires repentance, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” {13:5} God is very patient, and He does not want to see anyone go to Hell. “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} All of this is because of His love for every human being; that is why Jesus Christ came to this world and bled and died on the Cross of Calvary. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} “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} It is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from our sins, “. . . the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” {1 John 1:7}

The devil would have people to believe that they are too sinful, too wicked to be forgiven and saved. Perhaps you are reading this little pamphlet and are thinking that you have been so bad that God would never forgive you. Well my friend, I have good news for you! God does love you and He wants to forgive and save you and, He will, if you will repent and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour. A man named Saul was once a persecutor and prosecutor of Christians, even to the point of have them arrested, imprisoned, and killed. Despite this, God forgave him and saved him, and he became known as the Apostle Paul. In Acts, chapter nine the account of God forgiving and saving him is recorded and Saul, later called Paul, became the greatest missionary the world has ever known. The same God who forgave and saved Paul is the same God who is willing and wants to forgive and save you but, for that to happen, you must call out to Him in repentance and faith. There is only one person, one name who can save you and this Jesus Christ. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” {Acts 4:12} And, of this name, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} The “whosoever” means anyone, any person whatever. It does not say you have to clean up your act first; God will take you as you are and He will clean you up; the cleaning up begins in the heart – a new heart {spiritually speaking} that He will give you. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” {2 Corinthians 5:17} This is how great and loving our God is! We do not deserve to be forgiven and saved nor can we do anything to earn it – it as **ALL** of grace! “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” {Ephesians 2:8-9} “**Whosoever**” means you my friend, no matter who you are or what you may have said or done.

Well friend, what do you say; will you repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour today? You only have today because tomorrow may not come for you. “. . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” {2 Corinthians 6:2} You have God’s promise in His Word that He will forgive and save you. “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}

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