

# WILL THE GOOD PEOPLE OF ALL CHURCHES BE SAVED?

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## I. INTRODUCTION

- a. This is a question that is met on almost every corner.
- b. The average person on the street is at a loss to explain the divided religious world; people who are honest and sincere who are following different practices.
- c. So, the least embarrassing way out, if a person does not know the fact of the Bible, is to say that all the good people of all religious bodies will be saved.
- d. Let us face this question honestly and fairly in the light of Divine revelation.
- e. ONLY the Bible can give us the answer to this question.
  - i. What we THINK cannot settle it.
  - ii. What our grandparents taught is not a safe answer.
  - iii. Our Feelings cannot settle it.
  - iv. The creeds and conferences of men cannot settle the question – I Cor. 4:6; Matt. 15:9
- f. Let us begin our study with this statement of Bible Truth:

## II. MEN MUST DO GOD'S WILL TO BE SAVED.

- a. Matt. 7:21; 7: 24 – 27; Acts 3:22; Heb. 1: 1- 2; Matt. 17:5; Heb. 5: 8 – 9.
- b. Men cannot be saved merely because they are GOOD.
  - i. Man cannot live above sin – Rom. 3: 9- 10; 3:23; Eccl. 7:20; I John 1: 8.
  - ii. If men can be saved on their own goodness, then Christ died in vain – Gal. 2:21.
  - iii. Jesus prayed to the Father, *"If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me"* – Matt. 26:39.
    - 1. It was NOT possible.
  - iv. Cornelius was good, but his goodness could NOT save him – Acts 10: 1 – 2, 22.
    - 1. He had to send for Peter that he might tell him Words whereby he and his house could be saved -- Acts 11:14.
    - 2. Acts 10: 34 – 35; Psa. 119: 172; Rom. 1:16 – 17.
- c. It takes more than FAITH ONLY to be saved – James 2:24.
  - i. The believer has the power to become the son of God – John 1: 12.
  - ii. Jesus said it took faith and baptism to be saved – Mk. 16: 15 – 16.
- d. It takes more than being RELIGIOUS to be saved:
  - i. Matt. 7: 22 – 23
  - ii. A person must be religiously right to be saved – 2 John 9 – 11; Rom. 10: 1 – 3.
- e. It takes more than being HONEST and SINCERE to be saved:
  - i. Paul – Acts 23:1
  - ii. Paul was the chief of sinners – I Tim. 1:15
  - iii. Persecuted the church – Phil. 3:6; Acts 26: 9 – 10.

## III. WHAT THEN IS GOD'S WILL?

- a. God's WILL to the ALIEN SINNER:
  - i. He must hear the gospel – Acts 18:8; Rom. 10:17; Matt. 28:19.
  - ii. He must believe – Mk. 16:16.
  - iii. He must repent – Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38.

- iv. He must Confess faith in Christ – Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10.
  - v. He must be Baptized for the remission of sins – Acts 2:38.
  - b. God's will for those who have been baptized:
    - i. Wear the Name CHRISTIAN – Acts 11: 26; I Pet. 4:16.
    - ii. Become a part of a local church – Acts 9:26.
    - iii. Assemble for worship regularly – Heb. 10:25.
    - iv. Worship God in Spirit and in Truth – John 4:24
      - 1. Lord's Supper on the first day of the week – Acts 20:7
      - 2. Giving – I Cor. 16:2
      - 3. Singing – Eph. 5:19
      - 4. Prayer – Acts 2:42
      - 5. Teaching – Acts 20:7
    - v. Live clean and upright lives morally – Tit. 2: 11 – 12; Rom. 12:1 – 2; I Tim. 2:9.
- IV. We have learned that ONLY THOSE WHO DO THE WILL OF GOD WILL BE SAVED – Matt. 7:21**
- i. Therefore, the good people of all churches will NOT be saved because they have NOT obeyed the gospel – Heb. 5: 8 – 9; 2 Thess. 1: 8 – 9

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