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Who is Jesus of Nazareth?

THE SON OF GOD
Mark 1:1

THE SAVIOR
Luke 2:11

THE WAY
John 14:6

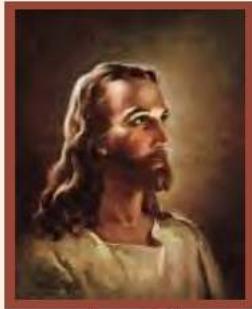
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
John 8:12

THE WAY
John 14:6

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN
Mark 2:7

THE PROPHET
Hebrews 1:1

THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST
Hebrews 3:1



"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:16

THE KING OF KINGS
Revelation 17:14

COUNSELOR
Isaiah 9:6

ROSE OF SHARON
Song of Solomon 2:1

LILY OF THE VALLEY
Song of Solomon 2:1

GOOD SHEPHERD
John 10:14

THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION
Hebrews 2:10

THE PRINCE OF PEACE
Isaiah 9:6

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Times of Services:
Sunday
 Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship:...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
 "Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**

**ARE ALL GOOD MORAL PEOPLE
 GOING TO HEAVEN?**
 Roger D. Campbell

"She is such a good person." "He is always doing something to help other people." "I have never heard a bad word come out of his mouth, and I have never heard of him ever doing anything out of line." "If my aunt does not make it to heaven, then I do not see how anyone possibly could. She was just a good old soul."

These and similar comments are often made about people that most folks would consider to be "good moral people." No one can please the God of heaven without living by His moral code of conduct, but is everyone that might be called "a good moral person" heaven bound? Some apparently think so, but such a concept is not supported by the teaching of the Bible.

Sin is the greatest problem that mankind must face, because sin separates sinners from the Lord God (Isaiah 59:2). Thus, man's greatest need is to have his sins forgiven. The Bible teaches that "all unrighteousness is sin" (1 John 5:17) and "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23).

The Bible further declares that "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God grants eternal life through Jesus, not through man's good moral living. Man's morality could never wash away a single sin. Only the blood of Jesus can cleanse one of past sins (Revelation 1:5).

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In the Book of Acts, we read numerous accounts of the conversion of lost people. In some cases, we read that lost people inquired about what they must do to be saved. Never do we read that they were told, "Just be a good moral person." What we *do* read is that they were instructed to believe in Jesus, repent of their sins, confess their faith in Jesus as God's Son, and be immersed for the remission of sins (Acts 2:37,38; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 22:10,16).

It is a lie of the devil to declare that being a good moral person "is good enough to get you into heaven." Friends, while God wants His children to be "*zealous of good works*" (Titus 2:14), those good works have no power to remove one's transgressions. At the same time, abstaining from unlawful deeds, while such abstinence is required by the Almighty, could never cause one to be translated out of the power of darkness into the Christ and His kingdom (Colossians 1:13,14).

Jesus is "*the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him*" (Hebrews 5:9). To whom does the Christ offer salvation? Not to all "good moral people," but rather only to those "that obey him." While the world would surely be a lot better off with more good moral people in it, it is also true that those who do not obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus, regardless of their good morality, "*shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power*" (2 Thessalonians 1:8,9).

If the Bible does not teach that a person can get into and remain in a good standing with God by being a good moral person, then why do you suppose so many people accept such an idea? Some probably buy into this false idea simply because they have heard others say it, and they just repeat it. Perhaps others accept it because they consider it to be more convenient and/or less demanding than what the Bible teaches. At any rate, the bottom line is this: according to the Bible, no, not all good moral people are going to heaven.

"That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (1 Thessalonians 2:12-13).

TOOLS OF THE DEVIL

Randy Kea

The word "devil" means "accuser" and the word "Satan" means "adversary." Satan is also called "*the tempter*" (Matthew 4:3), "*god of this world*" (2 Corinthians 4:4), "*prince of the power of the air*" (Ephesians 2:2) and the "*prince of this world*" (John 14:30).

The devil at some point was lifted up with pride (1 Timothy 3:6), ceased to abide in the truth (John 8:44) and therefore fell along with other sinful angels (2 Peter 2:4). Satan is dedicated to the destruction and ruin of mankind, "*seeking whom he may devour*" (1 Peter 5:8). He uses every means available to him and tempts (solicits us to sin) us in all points and every avenue (1 John 2:15-17).

The Bible describes his tools and methods:

1. Snares - a trap, to ensnare (2 Timothy 2:26; 1 Timothy 3:7)
2. Devices - a thought-out plan and purpose (2 Corinthians 2:11)
3. Wiles - denotes craft, deceit, a cunning device, tricks (Ephesians 6:11)
4. Darts - an arrow, or javelin (Ephesians 6:16)
5. Ministers - servants (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). The devil has preachers who are his servants, whether willingly or unknowingly. Any false teacher is a minister of Satan. The devil is bent on deceiving the whole world (Revelation 12:9)

Remember, the devil will try to "sift" us as wheat (Luke 22:31). Barnes' comments are excellent on this verse: "Grain was agitated or shaken in a kind of fan or sieve. The grain remained in the fan, and the chaff and dust were thrown off. So Christ says that Satan desired to try Peter; to place trials and temptations before him: *to agitate him*; to see whether anything of faith would remain, or whether all would be found to be chaff - mere natural ardour and false professions." [*Barnes Commentary on Luke and John*, page 149].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Apr 29 – Song Service
- Apr 29 – VBS Teachers Meeting – Immediately following Song Service
- May 6 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- May 13 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell