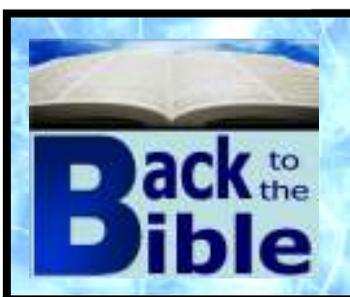


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 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
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**“YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE ONLY ONES
 GOING TO HEAVEN?”**
 Marvin L. Weir

The words in the title are often hurled at members of the church of Christ who are striving to live the Christian life and teach others about Gospel obedience and Christian worship. The religious world at large cannot fathom the concept of there being just one Biblically authorized church. If a person mentions that there is only one church that a person can be a member of and be saved, it will cause immediate indignation and disbelief among most hearers.

Anyone who has been a faithful member of the church of Christ for a good long while has likely heard some or all of the following remarks several times. “Can you believe that he and his little group believe they have a monopoly on worship and heaven?” “The audacity of them to believe they are the only ones who are right (religiously speaking).” “Who do these people think they are to pass judgment on other religious groups?” “Don’t they know that Christ died for all people and not just for them (members of the church of Christ)?” “How self-righteous they are in believing that only their little group will be saved?”

Most people today study their Bible very little (2 Tim. 2:15). Some read from the Scriptures every day but because of bias, preconceived ideas, personal feelings, or trusting in what someone else has said, they never discover the truth revealed in the Sacred Word. Just believing in God and acknowledging Jesus as Lord will not save one’s soul (Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46)!

The Old Testament scriptures were written for our learning

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(Rom. 15:4). They illustrate very well that salvation never occurs without obedience. Noah preached the righteousness of God's word for a hundred years (2 Peter 2:5; Gen. 5:32; 7:6). He proclaimed God's truth to a corrupt, violent, and unbelieving world (Gen. 6:11). Genesis 6:8 says he found favor in the eyes of God. Why? Verse 22 of Genesis 6 reveals the answer: "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." Are we today willing to do all that God has commanded us to do to be saved? Let's return to the reactions of those who cannot bear to believe that there is only one church the Lord will save (Eph. 5:23).

First, the terminology "he and his little group" is inappropriate. It is not my group (however large or little). It is the Lord's. It belongs to no man!

Second, a child of God does have an exclusive privilege and right (monopoly) to the blessings of New Testament Christianity. Such a right and privilege is available to all who will obey the Lord's will (Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21).

Third, it is the Lord and Savior, not I, that has passed judgment on all man-made religious groups. The Lord said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matt. 15:13). To churches everywhere Paul admonished, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ... Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor. 1:10, 12-13)?

Fourth, Yes, Christ did die for the entire world (Heb. 2:9), but he only promised to save His body—his church (Eph. 5:23; 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). There's only one (Eph. 4:4). Fifth, one is not guilty of self-righteousness who faithfully does what the Lord says to do to be saved! The Lord commands it.

What does the Bible say regarding those who will go to Heaven? In Matthew 7:13-14 Jesus says, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Now, let us apply the principle and truth the Lord just stated. Christ said He would build His church, not a man-made church (Matt. 16:18). Is that strait and narrow or broad and wide? Paul taught there is only one body (Eph. 4:4) which is clearly described as being the church (Eph. 1:22-23). Is this "one body" strait and narrow or broad and wide? Did Christ purchase only His church with His blood as Acts 20:28 declares, or did He purchase everyone else's church (churches built by man) with His blood? Was this "purchase" strait and narrow or broad and wide? Christ surely did not die for and purchase with His own blood a church that does not even wear His name! How do the names Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, and all other such names honor and glorify the Christ? They do not. They do not reveal who owns the church! What is wrong with the designation "church of Christ?" Absolutely nothing! It's a Bible name (Rom. 16:16). It shows to whom the church belongs. The only ones going to Heaven are those who obey the Gospel plan of salvation, worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24), and live faithfully until death (Rev. 2:10)!

The Death of Jesus

1. What is the one thing we all have in common? _____
2. Name 3 Old Testament books that prophesies most about Jesus' death _____

3. Name 3 people in the New Testament that declared Jesus innocent _____

4. How was Jesus' death cruel? _____
5. What did Jesus sacrifice for our sins? _____
6. What does the word "for" mean in Galatians 1:4? _____
7. What 2 passages speak of Jesus' death being voluntary? _____
8. What makes Jesus' death voluntary? _____
9. How was Jesus' death victorious? _____
10. What is the last enemy and Who gives us the victory over it? _____
11. How does Jesus' death affect us? _____
12. How can we avoid the second death? _____

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 25 – Song Service
- Sept 1 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- Sept 8 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell