

## Why Is Jesus The Only Way For Us??

1John 3:8

He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

### 1. Most people cannot distinguish salvation from living.

- (1) They think that all religions are the same.
- (2) They think that doing good works is the goal of all religions.
- (3) They think the way to be saved is to do meritorious and virtuous deeds.
- (4) Christianity is not a religion but life itself.
- (5) Mankind created religion, but the Gospel is given by God.
- (6) Religion is about man searching for God, but the gospel is about God coming down to man.
- (7) Religions' standard of measurement is the works of man, but God's salvation is the standard for the Gospel.

### 2. Most people don't realize the condemned state of the unsaved.

- (1) Original sin signifies the state of those who have not received salvation (Rom. 3:10, 23).
- (2) This means that they are still seized in the hands of Satan who appeared in Genesis chapter 3 (Eph. 2:2-3).
- (3) The state of condemnation is terrible.
  - ① It is the state of the spirit receiving Satan's spirit.
  - ② It is the state of a cursed spirit.
  - ③ Naturally, they suffer from idol worship, ancestor worship, talisman, sorcery, fortune-telling, superstitions, and folk religions until they come to their final destruction.
    - a. They leave this earth having failed in their life.
    - b. Destruction continues to the third and fourth generations (Ex. 20:4).
    - c. Their physical bodies suffer from mental illnesses, sicknesses that come from demon-possession, and unknown sicknesses (Mt. 8:16-17).
  - ④ And finally they will end up in hell (Lk. 16:19-31, Rev. 14:1-9).

### 3. There is only one who can save.

- (1) He must be the One with the power to defeat Satan's power.
- (2) He must come clothed in flesh (Jn. 1:1, 14).
- (3) But He must be without sin (Heb. 4:15, 1Pet. 3:18).
- (4) He must not be a descendant of Adam (born of a virgin).
- (5) A sinless person must die to pay the price of sin (Gen. 2:17).
- (6) He must resurrect as evidence that he is God (1Cor. 15:3-5).
- (7) This person is none other than Jesus Christ.
- (8) Only Jesus, who is God Himself (Phil. 2:6-9), can defeat Satan's power and save man.
- (9) This is being testified even today (Acts 16:16-18).

### 4. What exactly is salvation? (Eph. 2:1-6)

- (1) It is freedom from sin that definitely results in destruction.
  - ① Original sin—sin that causes eternal condemnation (Eph. 2:1).
  - ② Consequential sins—sins that result from original sin (Eph. 2:1).
  - ③ Ancestors' sins—ancestors' sins of idol worship that bring disasters to the descendants (Ex. 20:4).
- (2) It is escaping from Satan's power and the resulting fate (Eph. 2:2).
- (3) It is being seated in heaven in the future (Eph. 2:6).
- (4) Evidences of this appear in our present life (Eph. 2:7).

### 5. Healing—Those who are suffering from demonic influence.

- (1) Faith Gen. 3:15, Matt. 16:13-15, 17:1-8, 28:16-20, Acts. 1:8
- (2) Spiritual power—scheduled prayer, continuous prayer, spiritual power

\* Let's try to understand 1John 3:8.