

# **You Will Not Be Saved!**

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Start by asking, “Who wants to go to heaven?” Given the choice of spending eternity in hell or heaven, everyone in their right mind will choose heaven, but as we will see not everyone is going to make it.

The title of our lesson, “You Will Not Be Saved” may sound kind of strange but it is true statement if we are not willing to do what God has commanded us to do. The truth is most people will not be saved. Jesus Himself said in Matthew 7:13-14...

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Notice Jesus said the “few” will be saved. Why will the majority of people not be saved? First thing we want to notice is that you will not be saved...

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...if you do not desire to be!

Jesus is calling everyone to him so that they might be saved, but He does not force Himself on anybody but instead calls people to Him as we read in Matthew 11:28-30...

Even though Jesus wants everyone to be saved, sadly not everyone will be saved because they do not have the **desire!** Desire is something we must have if we want to be saved as we read about in Matthew 16:24-26....

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Most people do not have the desire to give up the pleasures of this world and follow after God and save their own souls. Jesus wants everyone to be saved and that is why he was willing to give His life on the cross and shed His blood to provide salvation to everyone that desires to follow Him.

Jesus asked a couple of pointed questions, “What profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” What are your answers to those questions?

If we truly have the desire to do the will of God we will do as Jesus said in Matthew 23:37-38....

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To be a faithful Christian begins by loving God with all of our heart, soul and mind. God demands 100% commitment from those who will follow Him and nothing less. Do you have the desire to be saved?  
Next we notice that we will not be saved....

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...just because we are religious!

Some believe that just by being religious they will get to heaven, but that is not true. Many people have been religious but still were not right with God.

For example:

***Jews on Pentecost*** – The Jews were God’s chosen people, yet they were not in a right relationship with God. In Acts 2:5 we read, “*And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, **devout** men, from every nation under heaven.*” Even though they were devout Jews Peter told them in Acts 2:38 to “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”

***Ethiopian Eunuch*** – In Acts 8:27 we notice that he was a man that worshipped God, “*And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had **come to Jerusalem to worship.***”

But we see that after Phillip preached to him Jesus the Eunuch still needed to be baptized. We are told in Acts 8:36, “*as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”*”

***Lydia*** – In Acts 16 we read about Paul speaking to a woman named Lydia who worshipped God yet still needed to be baptized. In Acts 16:14-15 we read, “*Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who **worshipped God.** The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.*”

We see that Lydia was a good woman who worshipped God yet was not right with God and needed to be baptized to have her sins removed.

***Apostle Paul*** – Paul said concerning himself in Acts 22:3, “*I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God.*” Yet he was persecuting Christians and putting them to death! (give brief account of Jesus speaking to him on road to Damascus)  
Even though Saul , (Apostle Paul) was zealous toward God he was told by Ananias in Acts 22:16 “*And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*”

We see that all of these people, even though they were religious, were not saved and still had to obey the commands of God for salvation.  
Then we see that you will not be saved...

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...just by living a good moral life!

Now don't get me wrong, a good moral life is commendable, but that in and of itself is not good enough to get us to heaven. In Acts 10 we read of a good moral man by the name of Cornelius. Notice what we read in Acts 10:1-2...

Here was a devout man that feared God, gave alms generously and prayed to God! If anyone was saved it should have been Cornelius, right? Wrong!  
In Acts 11:13-14, Peter, in recounting the story to his Jewish brothers said...

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As we can see, just being religious is not enough for us to be saved.  
Cornelius was a religious man yet he still needed to obey God's plan for Salvation.

We also see that you will not be saved...

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...if you will not forgive others!

Jesus said it plainly in Matthew 6:15...

Jesus is telling us that no matter how good we are, how religious we are or how obedient we are, if we fail to forgive others their trespasses, God will not forgive us our trespasses.

How many times are we to forgive other people? Peter asked Jesus this question in Matthew 18:21-22...

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Peter asked Jesus if seven times was enough times to forgive someone. The Jews thought that three times was the number of times you were obligated to forgive someone. So when Peter asked Jesus if seven times was enough He thought that surely if you took the three times you were required to forgive someone, double that to six and add one for good measure, making a total of seven times, that would be more than enough.

But Jesus said not seven times but seventy times seven! Meaning that there is no limit to God's forgiveness and therefore should be no limit to our forgiveness of others.

Then we see that you will also not be saved...

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...if you think faith is all you need!

Again, don't miss interpret what I am saying, there is no doubt about it, faith is necessary in order for us to be saved as we see in Hebrews 11:6...

As you can see we must have faith to be pleasing to God. Jesus said that we must have faith or belief in Him in order to be saved. Notice John 8:24...

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Yes, we must have faith to be saved, but faith or belief alone is not enough...

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...because faith "only" will not save us! Notice what James says in James 2:19-24....

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James is telling us that even the devil and his angels believe in God and tremble but they are not going to be saved. So faith or belief in God is good but it is not enough to save us from our sins.

We must not only have faith to be pleasing to God but we must also be obedient to all of God's commands.

**FAITH + OBEDIENCE = SALVATION**

We also notice that you will not be saved....

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...if you refuse to repent!

Jesus said in Luke 13:3,5...

So, we see that if you do not repent you will perish. Repentance is sorrow for what we have done wrong against God and a desire and commitment to obey God from this time on.

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...if you refuse to confess Jesus!

Jesus is the Son of God and only through Him can we receive salvation. If we are not willing to confess Jesus before men here on this earth, Jesus says He will refuse to confess us before His Father in Heaven. In Romans 10:10 we read....

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Part of becoming a Christian involves believing and confessing that Jesus is the Son of God which takes us toward salvation.

You also will not be saved....

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...if you refuse to be baptized!

Look at Mark 16:16....

Notice what Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved."

How could it be said any clearer? Jesus did not use big words in some drawn out flowery statement, instead He spoke clearly and precisely, if you **BELIVE** and are **BAPTIZED** you will be **SAVED!** That is not difficult for us to understand. We will not be saved unless we are baptized for the remission of sins.

This is what Peter told the people on the day of Pentecost when they asked what they must do to be saved...

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Peter told the Jews to **REPENT** and be **BAPTIZED** for the **REMISSION OF SINS!** What is it that they had to do to be saved? Repent and be Baptized! Is that hard to understand? No! Yet, people still refuse to obey God's command to be baptized for the remission of sins. Which brings us to our last point; you will not be saved...

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...unless you obey God's commands!

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23...

Jesus said that not everyone is going to go to heaven, why is that? Because not everyone will obey all of God's commands! We can not just ask God to save us and expect that is all there is to it. We must do His will and follow His commands on being saved. God has plainly told us what we must do to be saved. First we are told that we must...

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...hear God's Word!

We must believe God's Word, Repent of our sins, Confess Jesus as the Son of God, be Baptized for the remission of sins and live our lives faithfully serving our Lord. So we ask...

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...Will you obey God and be saved?