

## Saved In Christ

Beyond dispute, the Bible teaches that man is saved in Christ, none other. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Peter said, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Paul wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:3-7).

Those who claim to believe in the Bible as the inerrant Word of God cannot deny this truth without being a hypocrite. The one who says that Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and others can be saved outside of Christ, cannot truly believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Rather, they have accepted human philosophy which will cheat them out of their souls (Col. 2:8).

Since salvation can only be found in Christ, then the question arises, "How do we get into Christ?" The Bible answers this question very plainly. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:26-27). We are baptized, immersed in water, into Christ (cf. Rom. 6:3-4). This is not something authorized by man, but by heaven (cf. Matt. 21:25). In fact, Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Further, the Bible declares that to be in Christ is to be in His body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23). "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:12-13).

Friend, have you been saved in Christ? Have you believed in Him, turned from your sins, confessed Him, and been baptized into Him, where salvation is found? If not, then may we assist you? Contact us for a personal Bible study or visit during our regular services. We welcome you and yours.

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