

THE PEOPLE GOD SAVES

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Part 6

Contrary to popular opinion, God does not save just anybody. There is a select group of people God saves. They are found in Romans 5:6-10 which says:

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son.

In Mark 2:17 Jesus said that he did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 19:10 says; ***For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.***

According to these verses, the people God saves are sinners, the ungodly, the lost and his enemies. Contrary to what most people think, God saves bad people. He saves sinners. He saves his enemies. He saves ungodly people and lost people. I led an older man to the Lord and he told me that all his life he thought he had to become good enough for God to save, because he thought God saved good people. He said he would have gotten saved sooner, if he knew God would have saved him just the way he was.

If you are willing to admit before God that you are an ungodly sinner who deserves hell, there is hope for you because that's the kind of people God saves. When it comes to salvation the worst thing a person can do is to deny they are a lost sinner who deserves hell. God cannot save anyone who denies they are lost sinners. Hell is filled up with people who were too proud to own up to the fact that they were ungodly, lost sinners. Pride keeps people from being saved. That is why the Bible says: *that pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall*. People are so proud that they would rather go to hell than to own up to the fact that they are ungodly lost sinners.

The best thing we can do in this life is to admit we are what God says we are; ungodly sinners who deserve hell. Once we take that step the rest is easy. The next step is to believe with all your heart that on the cross Christ suffered, bled and died for all of your sins and was raised again for your justification. And when you believe it, put all of your trust in Jesus Christ to save you and keep you saved. Call on the Lord in prayer and ask Him to save you for God has promised that; ***whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.***

The night that I got saved I knew two things; That I was a sinner who deserved hell and that Christ had died for my sins. That night in November 1966, I put my total faith and trust in Christ's death and shed blood to save me. And when I believed on him I called

on the Lord and asked him to save me, and he did. God will save any man today, the same way. Don't let the Devil drag you into hell to suffer forever for your sins when Christ has already paid for them. Right now, where you are, as you are, ask the Lord to save you and believe with all your heart that Christ died and paid for all your sins and was raised again for your justification. God help you to believe and call today.

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