

WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED? (Mark 10:23-27)

I. The one who goes through Christ shall be saved (John 10:9).

- A. This is one of the great “I am” statements recorded by John.
 - 1. The door of the sheepfold was the only entrance into the fold.
 - 2. If someone or some animal wanted in, they had to come through that door.
- B. Jesus simply stated that the only way to salvation is through Him.
- C. He told the apostles this the night before His death (John 14:6).
- D. Many people try to find their way into the kingdom through another door.
 - 1. It may be the door of denominationalism.
 - a. This door does not exist because denominations are not found in the New Testament.
 - b. Jesus built one church (Matthew 16:18) and has one body (Ephesians 4:4), which are one in the same (Colossians 1:18).
 - 2. It may be the door of morality.
 - a. People believe they can be saved by simply being good moral people.
 - b. Jesus stated here that one must come through Him.
 - c. In our text, salvation is possible with God not with men.
 - d. We can't earn our salvation by goodness.
 - 3. It may be the door of Islam or Judaism.
 - a. Both of these reject Jesus as the Son of God.
 - b. They go nowhere near Jesus.
 - 4. Whatever door we try to use besides Jesus is a door that leads away from Him and not to Him.
- E. If one wants to be saved, He must come through Christ.

II. The one who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Acts 2:21).

- A. One the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit had the apostles begin the sermon with letting the people know what was going on was a fulfillment of prophecy. (Acts 2:16).
 - 1. The apostles began to quote the prophet Joel (2:16-21).
 - 2. That text ends with “whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
- B. This passage tells us that anyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- C. We need to find out what it means to call on the name of the Lord.
- D. It does not mean calling out the name of Christ and asking Him to be your personal Savior.
 - 1. Notice Matthew 7:21.
 - 2. Just because we call out His name does not mean He will save us.
 - 3. If we call out His name but don't do His will, there is no way that we are going to enter the kingdom of heaven.
- E. The people on Pentecost were told that if they called on the name of the

Lord they would be saved.

1. The sermon continued on to point out the fact of the Sonship of Jesus.
 2. It concluded with the apostles convicting some of the people of their guilt of killing the Son of God.
 3. Those that were convicted asked what they needed to do (Acts 2:37).
- F. If these people were at most religious services of today, they would be told to simply believe on Jesus and they would be saved.
1. You would do this by coming forward and praying through to God.
 2. Or, you might simply hold up your hand and say what is known as "The Sinner's Prayer."
- G. Nothing of the kind was said to those present at Pentecost.
1. They were told to repent and be baptized.
 2. They were to repent of their sins and were to be baptized to have them forgiven.
- H. This is what it means to call on the name of the Lord and the one who does this can be saved.

III. **The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16).**

- A. Jesus plainly stated for us and all mankind in this verse who can be saved.
1. It is the one who first believes, then is baptized who is saved.
 2. There is no other order for these two actions that would result in one being saved.
 3. Baptism is always the last step in the salvation process of one who has never come to Christ.
- B. We hear all the time of people saying they have been saved when they believed and then at some later date were baptized.
1. One is either saved by belief alone or he is not.
 2. Baptism is either necessary or it is not.
- C. Sadly, there are those that leave out the phrase "and is baptized" from this verse.
1. They have said that it causes too much controversy so they leave it out.
 2. Why not leave out the virgin birth of Jesus because it also causes controversy?
 3. Why not leave out the resurrection of Jesus because it also causes controversy?
- D. Some argue that Jesus didn't say "He that believeth and is not baptized shall be damned," thus negating the importance of baptism.
1. Listen to this statement: "He that eats and digest his food shall live; he that does not eat shall die."
 2. Do I need to add the necessity of digestion to the last line in order for it to be of importance?
 3. If one won't believe there is no need to be baptized.
- E. When a person believes and is baptized he will be saved.

IV. The one who endures will be saved (Mark 13:13).

- A. After one comes through the Door, calls on the name of the Lord and believes and is baptized, he must endure until the end to be saved.
 - 1. This goes right along with what Jesus told the church at Smyrna (Revelation 2:10).
 - 2. Be faithful to God until death takes us from this life to the next.
- B. In this text in Mark, Jesus was warning the disciples about what was to take place for them.
 - 1. They would preach and people would hate them.
 - 2. Families would betray Christians.
 - 3. Despite this, they must remain faithful to Christ.
- C. Storms come, criticism comes and other things come, yet we must remain faithful to Christ in order to be saved.
- D. Deaths, illnesses, losses come and we must remain faithful to Christ.
- E. "He that shall endure" is one word in the Greek and it means, "endure or sustain a load of miseries, adversities, persecutions, or provocations in faith and patience."
- F. If we endure the trials that come with being a Christian, we will be saved.