

Salvation Not by Religion: Cont.
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In our last article we dealt with the fact that many religious groups and cults claim to have the true way of salvation through and only through their belief system because apparently their religious leader was chosen by God to restore Christianity to its true origins because man and his religious ideologies corrupted the truth of God ever since the last Apostle of the Lord died. It is usually the same arguments that those from the past have presented to try to support their position on why they are the true way to God. And in one way or another it will be the same thing that new cult leaders will say as well to try to show people that they have the only true way to be saved, in order to gain new converts.

All these groups that hold to such views have something in common. And that is that, they not only completely fail to teach the Word of God from Genesis through Revelation in a book by book, chapter by chapter, and verse by verse format, because if they did, they would not believe their heretical doctrines, but also, they completely fail to believe what the Bible itself says. Oh yes they will quote one or two verses here and there, as they were so trained to do by their religious leaders so that they might present themselves as individuals that know the Scriptures. But as they quote verses it is usually out of context, that is, they pour a different meaning to what the Scripture is saying to try to support their false doctrines and views.

They fail to believe in what the Bible says by the mere fact that they fail to believe that Jesus is the **ONLY** way to heaven because they are teaching that one must pertain to their religious group and believe only in their doctrines in order to attain a true salvation.

Throughout Scripture we see that the Bible exalts Jesus Christ as the way and **ONLY** way to heaven. Every verse that presents us with that fact can be summarized in what Jesus said in John 14:6. He said; “...*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” As we noted in our last article, Jesus did not say that He and a church, religion, cult, group, or another person were the way the truth and the life. But why do people continue to believe that they can be saved through their religion, or religious traditions, or even because of the membership that they have with their church? Well, because of their failure to study the Word of God for themselves. And since they fail to study and read the Bible, they become so gullible and begin to believe any spiritual doctrine that comes their way.

Not to deviate on to another point, let us see how the Scriptures point to Jesus as the **ONLY** way man can be saved. Romans 5:6-11 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. Much more then, being now justified by **his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath **through him**. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God **by the death***”

*of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved **by his life**. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom** we have now received the atonement.”*

As highlighted throughout the above verses, who is the one that died for the ungodly? Through whose blood are we justified? Who is the one that will save us from wrath? We were reconciled through whose death? And through whose life shall we be saved? Did it ever say that through religious traditions, or church, or membership, or leader, or new cult? NO! It through Jesus Christ ALONE!

If man says that one must belong to their religious organization because they and only they have the “true formula” to be saved, or because they are the only church and true church that Jesus established, and seeing that the Bible teaches no such thing, why believe them? And also, why place your eternal destiny in what man says? Give your life over to Jesus today. He will change your eternal destiny.