



RELIGION or SALVATION

Which Have You?

Jesus said: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6).

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

How clear and concise: there should be neither confusion nor contradiction. There are many names under heaven in which we can find religion; but salvation can be found in One only. *"For all have sinned..."* (Romans 3:23), so all need a Saviour: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). At Calvary He paid sin's awful penalty for all who will accept Him; but His death there was not to give men a religion; it was to provide Salvation.

There is no salvation in priests; penance or prayers; but only in Christ. Service and sacraments, churches and charities, tears and treasure, ritual and reformation—**ALL** are alike, helpless to save.

Men are willing to give assent in their heads to the claims of Christianity; while refusing to accept in their hearts the Christ of Christianity.

Men are willing to take the high place in the work and ritual of the church; while refusing to take the low place of guilty sinners needing a sinner's Saviour.

Men are willing to believe in the moral precepts of God's Word, as based on the Commandments; while refusing to believe in, rest on, and receive God's Son as Saviour of their souls, because of His finished work in their behalf at Calvary.

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RELIGION is the improvement of the old nature through respect for lofty principles.

SALVATION is the imparting of a new nature through receiving a Lowly Person. "*But as many as received **HIM**, to them gave **HE** power to become the sons of God...*" (John 1:12).

RELIGION clothes us with the robes of our own righteousness, which God says "*...are as filthy rags...*" (Isaiah 64:6).

SALVATION clothes us in the perfect righteousness of Christ, which alone can make us acceptable in the sight of God. "*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...*" (Titus 3:5).

RELIGION is what man does for God.

SALVATION is what God does for man. Isaiah 53:6.

RELIGION says, "Something in my hand I bring."

SALVATION says, "Nothing in my hand I bring." Ephesians 2:8,9.

RELIGION is trusting in a work we do.

SALVATION is trusting in a work that has been done. Matthew 26:28.

RELIGION depends on our behaving.

SALVATION depends on our believing. Acts 16:31.

RELIGION says we must act our best.

SALVATION says we must accept God's best. John 3:16 and 36.

RELIGION depends on the sufficiency of character.

SALVATION depends on the Sacrifice of the Cross. 1 Corinthians 1:18.

RELIGION tries to furnish a sacrifice.

SALVATION trusts in a finished sacrifice. John 19:30.

RELIGION is striving for a better attainment.

SALVATION is secured through a perfect atonement. 1 Peter 1:18,19.

RELIGION tries to bring us from darkness to light.

SALVATION DOES bring us from DEATH unto LIFE. John 5:24.

RELIGION says we must be found in God's house.

SALVATION says we must *"be found in HIM, not having (our) own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ..."* (Philippians 3:9).

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