

# DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!

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**WHO TOLD YOU THAT...all you have to do is live a good life and God will then accept you?** Does God say that your best is good enough for you to be acceptable to Him? God's viewpoint is "There is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:10. Why is this true? God states, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23. **God cannot accept you because you have already sinned.**

## WHO TOLD YOU THAT...

**being a member of a church would get you into Heaven?** To get into Heaven God must deal with your sin problem. **Joining a church will not save you.** You need forgiveness and cleansing so that God can associate with you. This change is a spiritual birth where God causes a brand-new spiritual nature to live in you. The Bible says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. **To be forgiven and associate with God you need to be born again.** "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.

**WHO TOLD YOU THAT ... baptism will save you?** Bible baptism has nothing to do with washing away sin, which is our problem before a holy God. The Apostle Peter wrote that baptism is, "Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh..." I Peter 3:21. Baptism with water is the vivid symbol of **the changed life of one who has a conscience at peace with God through faith in Christ.**

## WHO TOLD YOU THAT....

**obeying God's law will save you? It is too late.** God's Word states, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2: 10. **Every one of us has broken at least one of God's laws.**

## WHO TOLD YOU THAT...

**loving every one has anything to do with being saved?** This is commendable, however **we are separated from God because of our sin nature.** Even a sinful person can be loving, however he is still sinful until God removes the stain in Christ.

Men have many strange, un-scriptural ideas about what it takes to be forgiven and be at peace with God. **That we can be forgiven and enter a peaceful relationship with God is a matter of scriptural record.** Romans 5: 1 states, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Have you found forgiveness and peace with God, dear reader?

What must you do to be saved? Go to God in prayer and acknowledge that you are a sinner and need His help. Understand that Jesus Christ died on the Cross to pay God's penalty for your sins. Ask God to accept this death on your behalf. Invite Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and Saviour, to live and reign within you. I urge you to turn to God now, that you may be saved.

You can be saved today if you will come to God and accept His sacrifice for you.

Will you respond to Him today?

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