

# “Why All Religions Cannot Save”

All Scripture is KJV: (9.2.2020)

## INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY

This morning I would like to ask the question:

### **Q: Why can't all religions save?**

If you have ever had the opportunity to be a witness amongst heathen (unbelievers), or simply other religions then you must have come across this problem.

- Certainly it is a question that people will fight or kick against.
- And if you have to ask the question why.....it is simply because they will not bow down their will to the will of God.

For whatever reason people choose to be different in their own beliefs or ideas, it still does not change the facts or make a difference to what is true.

1. The truth is simple: “**apart from Jesus Christ you cannot be saved**”
2. Regardless of how zealous a person is about their religion they will not get saved without Jesus.
3. They don't have a saviour that shed his own blood, and who took on the sins of the whole world, that whosoever would believe in him shall be saved.
4. No...they don't have a saviour.
5. All they have is good works to show for their own hands.

So....

- ✓ Whether their agenda is to believe what they want to believe or to embrace any other belief system it does not alter what is the truth about salvation.
- ✓ Acts 10:34 King James Version (KJV) <sup>34</sup> Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
- ✓ God only wants to know if you have believed on His son.
- ✚ If Jesus said this in John 14:6 then how can anyone argue against it, but yet they do argue and challenge Jesus.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1. Firstly let me say this: None of us who know the truth should ever come across to those that we are engaging in conversation as being superior or boastful. Instead in love we should try and win over the lost by stating the truth about what the scriptures say.
2. Being boastful or bashful will simply close the door on evangelism with those that we are trying to engage.

3. The apostle Paul said, that he tried everything to win over the lost. To Jew he became as a Jew.....look how he approached the subject.

### **1 Corinthians 9:19-21 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>19</sup> For though I be free from all men, **yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.**

<sup>20</sup> **And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;**

<sup>21</sup> To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

1. We can certainly learn a lot from the ministry of Paul.
2. To the Jew he preached to them from the Law of Moses.
3. But to them....which are not of the law of Moses.....in other words believers in Jesus.....he preached to them the things under the law of Christ.
4. So regardless of whether he was speaking to a Jew or a believer; he met them at their level to engage with them in conversation.
5. Remember what he said to them in the scriptures..... that he could not feed them with meat but with the milk of the word..... He had come down to their level to preach again to them the truths of the gospel.

- ✚ Paul did not leave them out of his ministry but approached them with caution to deliver the truths of scripture where they were able to bear it.

### **1 Corinthians 3:1-3 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup>And **I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual,** but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

<sup>2</sup> I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: **for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.**

<sup>3</sup> For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1. So sometimes you just have to be patient with people because they have not yet grown to understand the more complex things of God.
2. Paul would identify his audience and respond with what they could understand.
3. It is no point, and of no use to preach over the heads of the audience. Because that will not profit them.

- ❖ When Paul was giving the gospel he came straight to the truth.
- ❖ Truth should never be compromised to try and win people to Jesus.

### **Acts 20:19-21 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>19</sup> **Serving the LORD with all humility of mind**, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

<sup>20</sup> **And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you**, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

<sup>21</sup> **Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- So when we engage with people of “all religions” to tell them about salvation we should never sell the gospel short. By that I mean we should stick to the gospel message which incorporates the “death, burial and resurrection of Christ”.
1. Don't tell people that don't believe in Jesus that they are saved when you know they are not. They have to believe that Jesus is God and call upon his name in order to be saved.
  2. Simply believing that Jesus exists is not sufficient for salvation.
  3. You have to believe in and on him for your salvation.

**“All Religions cannot save” because they don't have Jesus.** Whether they want to believe that fact it is up to them.

- The bible says that people perish, because they have not believed on the only begotten son. John 3:18.

### **John 3:18 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: **but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

- ❖ These are the facts and they cannot ignore them if they want salvation.
  - ❖ There may be many roads that lead to Rome as people say. But there is only one Road that leads to God, and that is the Romans Road of the scripture.
- Jesus said that neither is there salvation in any other as we see in 1 Timothy 2:5 and Acts 4:12.

### **1 Timothy 2:5 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus;

- And.....what about the “Stone” in Acts which is also quoted in the OT?

### **Acts 4:11-13 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>11</sup> **This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.**

<sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

- ❖ This is the stone from the OT that was spoken of in the Psalm 118:21-23

### **Psalm 118:21-23 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>21</sup> I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

- ❖ Even those religions who have the OT and have read the OT cannot understand it themselves.
- ❖ They cannot see that the Stone which the builders refused in the OT was in fact Jesus.
- ❖ Jesus saved in the OT just as he saves in the NT.
- ❖ Even in the OT Jesus (LORD) was still the mediator.

1. If you had to ask a Jew or a Muslim who was this “Stone” of salvation?
2. They would not be able to answer you?
3. They could not say that it was God the Father, so they will be hard pressed to answer that question.
4. All religions cannot save because they do not have Jesus as their mediator.

- ✓ The bible says that if you have not the Son then you have not the Father.
- ✓ It also says that he who has the son has the father also.

### **1 John 2:22-24 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

<sup>23</sup> Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

- ✓ So the reason why all religions cannot save is because they don't believe these facts mentioned here.
- ❖ Islam – Says that God has no son. That means they God the Father is not even the God they worship.

❖ Jews – Say that God has no son. That means that God the Father is also not even their God.

1. Remember what Jesus said about this question. He said to the Jews.
2. If you had believed Moses then you would have believed in me, because he wrote of me.

### John 5:46

For had ye **believed Moses**, ye would have **believed** me; for he wrote of me.

1. In fact Jesus made reference to who their father really was. This is what Jesus Said.

### John 8:44

Ye **are of your father the devil**, and **the** lusts **of your father** ye will do. He was a murderer from **the** beginning, and abode not in **the** truth, because **there** is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh **of** his own: for he is a liar, and **the father of** it.

- ❖ So without Jesus there is not Salvation.
- ❖ Without Jesus it is just a religion.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....