

Section 4 of 7: Will you go back to the Bible in order to be saved?

I. Based on the New Testament, there were **good people** that were **NOT** saved.

- Cornelius was a good person, but that did not mean he was saved.
 - Cornelius is described as a just man, one that feared God and someone that was of good report.
 - **Acts 10:22** ²²And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.
 - Although Cornelius was a good man, he had been told to send for Peter so that he must do to be saved.
 - **Acts 11:13-14** ¹³And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; ¹⁴Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

Do you understand that just because someone is a “good person” it does not mean that he is saved? (circle answer)

YES or NO

II. Based on the New Testament, there were **religious people** that were **NOT** saved.

- Cornelius was also a “religious” person, but that did not mean he was saved.
 - Cornelius is also described as a devout man who gave his money to the poor and who was always praying to God.
 - **Acts 10:2** ²A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.
 - However, just because Cornelius was “religious”, he was not considered saved.
 - **Acts 11:13-14** Scripture has already been written out; see previous reference in point I
- Christ declared that just because someone was religious, it did not mean that he was saved.
 - Christ rebuked the “religious” people of the day when he said that they reject God’s commands in order to keep their own traditions.
 - **Mark 7:9** ⁹And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.
 - Christ said that someone will not be saved just by reciting the name of the Lord and doing deeds in His name.
 - **Matthew 7:21-23** ²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Do you understand that just because someone is “religious” it does not mean that he is saved? (circle answer)

YES or NO

III. Based on the New Testament, there were those who lived in **good conscience** and were **zealous for God** that were **NOT** saved.

- Prior to becoming a Christian, Paul had lived in all good conscience
 - Paul’s conscience did not bother him because he thought he was saved and doing the will of God.
 - **Acts 23:1; 26:9** ¹And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. (...) ⁹I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
 - However, Paul, who is also called Saul (cf. Acts 13:9), learned that he was not saved, but was living contrary to the will of God.
 - **Acts 9:4** ⁴And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- Paul had also been very zealous.
 - Paul admitted that he was zealously wrong.
 - **Galatians 1:13-14** ¹³For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews’ religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: ¹⁴And profited in the Jews’ religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.
 - Paul would exhort the Jews that their zeal should not be according to what they believed to be righteous but should be based on their knowledge of God’s righteousness so that they might be saved.
 - **Romans 10:1-3** ¹Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. ²For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. ³For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Do you understand that just because someone has a clear conscience and is “zealous” for God it does not mean that he is saved? (circle answer)

YES or NO

IV. Based on the New Testament, there were **believing people** that were **NOT** saved.

- The New Testament refers to those that believed, but were not willing to act on that belief so that they might be saved.
 - The demons are not saved even though they believe because faith without works of obedience is a dead faith that does not save.
 - **James 2:19-20, 24** ¹⁹Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. ²⁰But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (...) ²⁴Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
 - The chief rulers believed but did not receive any praise from God because they preferred the praise of men.
 - **John 12:42-43** ⁴²Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: ⁴³For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Do you understand that believing in Christ without obeying His will is defined by the Bible as a dead faith that does NOT save? (circle answer)

YES or NO

V. Based on the New Testament, there were those that were **incorrectly baptized** that were **NOT** saved.

- The New Testament teaches that it is possible for someone to be baptized for the wrong reasons.
 - The Ephesians were baptized for the wrong reasons and were not saved and had to be baptized correctly.
 - **Acts 19:1, 3-5** (...) Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, (...) ³And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. ⁴Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. ⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Do you understand if someone has been “baptized” for the wrong reasons he is NOT saved? (circle answer)

YES or NO

VI. Based on the New Testament, there were those who **prayed for their salvation** that were **NOT** saved.

- The Apostle Paul, who is also called Saul (cf. Acts 13:9), was not saved by saying a prayer.
 - Saul was told to go into the city in order to be told what he must do; he was there for three days.
 - **Acts 9:6, 9** ⁶And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. (...) ⁹And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

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- o A man named Ananias was told to find Saul and tell him what he must do; he was told Saul would be praying.
 - **Acts 9:11** ¹¹ (...) go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
- o When Ananias found Saul, he told him to arise off of his prayerful knees (remember he had been praying for three days) and then told him what he must do so that his sins would be washed away.
 - **Acts 22:16** ¹⁶And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Do you understand that “saying a prayer” does NOT save someone? (circle answer)

YES

or

NO

VII. Based on the New Testament, how did the saved become saved?

- The New Testament has stated that the saved have been saved by the grace of God through their faith.
 - o The saved of Ephesus had been saved by the grace of God through their faith.
 - ❖ **Ephesians 2:8** ⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
 - ❖ The grace of God is something we cannot earn and it teaches us because it is His word as given by His Son Jesus Christ.
 - **Titus 2:11-12** ¹¹For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, ¹²Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
 - ❖ Faith is something that is produced when one hears God’s word and believes it to be true.
 - **Romans 10:17** ¹⁷So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
 - o Those in Ephesus were saved by God’s grace because they heard what they must do to be saved and they were saved through faith because they acted upon the words of God through obedience.
 - **Acts 19:1, 3-5** Scripture has already been written out; see previous reference in point V

Do you understand that we have done nothing to earn God’s gracious words of salvation and that we are saved by His grace through our faith when we are obediently faithful to His gracious instructions on how we can be saved? (circle answer)

YES

or

NO

- The New Testament has stated one is saved when they have been baptized based on their belief in the gospel.
 - o The Corinthians were taught the gospel when they learned that Jesus Christ died, was buried and rose again from the dead.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4** ¹Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel (...) ³(...) how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
 - o The Corinthians that believed the gospel were baptized; Crispus was also baptized based on his belief.
 - **Acts 18:8** ⁸And Crispus (...) believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.
 - **1 Corinthians 1:14** ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;
 - o Baptism that is “required” at a certain age is not a Biblical baptism because it is not based on a good conscience that is responding to a belief in the gospel.
 - **Mark 16:16** ¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
 - **1 Peter 3:21** ²¹The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Do you understand that one who is saved has been baptized based on his belief in Christ; therefore, someone who is required to be baptized based on a certain age and not based on his belief and response to the gospel has NOT been saved? (circle answer)

YES

or

NO

- The New Testament states one is saved when they have been baptized based on their confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
 - o The Ethiopian eunuch was told he could not be baptized unless he believed Jesus Christ is the Son of God and then he confessed his belief.
 - **Acts 8:36-37** ³⁶And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? ³⁷And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
 - The New Testament states one is saved when they have been baptized for the remission of their sins.
 - o A baptism that occurs after one has “said a prayer to be saved” is a void baptism since it is not fulfilling its purpose.
 - Baptism that takes place after one is told that he has already been saved is not Biblical baptism because Biblical baptism is defined as being the point in which one is saved who believes and has confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
 - ❖ **Acts 22:16** Scripture has already been written out; see previous reference in point VI
 - ❖ **1 Peter 3:21** Scripture has already been written out; see previous reference in point VII

Do you understand that today it is impossible to be saved prior to baptism; therefore, one who is baptized after he has been told he was already “saved” has not been Biblically baptized? (circle answer)

YES

or

NO

- o Baptism saves when one is immersed or buried in water; sprinkling is not immersion, is not a burial and is not baptism.
 - **Acts 8:38** ³⁸(...) and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
 - **Romans 6:4** ⁴Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: (...)
- o Baptism saves when one is baptized into Christ based on a belief and confession that He is the Son of God.
 - **Romans 6:3** ³Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
 - **Galatians 3:27** ²⁷For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
 - **Acts 8:36-37** Scripture has already been written out; see previous reference in point VII

Do you understand that one is saved when he is baptized into Christ by being immersed into water for the purpose of having his sins washed away based on his belief and confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? (circle answer)

YES

or

NO

If you will go back to the Bible, please write the following: “I will go back to the Bible and submit to the will of God which teaches me that one is saved when he is baptized into Christ by being immersed into water based on his belief and confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

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