

Will the Good People From All Churches Be Saved?

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I handed a lady one of our Bible story tracts one time that was entitled this very question. Even before she opened the booklet, it seems that her mind set was prefixed upon the self-imposed premise that, "Yes, all the good people from all churches will be saved." When we earnestly consider the question, we must ask ourselves, "What does 'being good' really suggest?" I know a lot of people that can be considered good; morally, socially, honest, trustworthy, patriotic, etc. All these are good traits to be found among mankind, but they alone will not take us to be with the Lord at the end of time.

Let us consider what is written in **John 1:12**, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power (authority) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." So, reception of Jesus must begin in a state or condition of mind that He is the Christ. Now, notice verse 13, "Which were born," meaning a spiritual regeneration. Then he says, "not of blood," which means not because your parents were born anew. Then he says, "nor of the will of the flesh," defined as 'any plan of our own that was devised to save ourselves.' **Jeremiah 10:23** says, ". . . it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Also in **Proverbs 16:9**, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." **John 1:13** also adds, "nor of the will of man." Here we clearly understand that any plan or our own conception, or the plan of any other man, will not make us to become a child of God. He finishes with the statement, "But of God." This should seal the deal for any sound thinking person who truly desires to go to Heaven. Notice what Jesus says in **John 14:6**, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

So, even with this information, many attend supposed places of worship that do not believe, nor practice, the instructions given by our Lord

that will save them in the end.

There is a very sad thing that happened in the regions of Galatia where Paul and Silas went with the Gospel of Salvation. They were very successful and the number was increasing. But then, there were some unbelieving Jews, of which Paul used to be one of them. They came to Galatia and began to spread rumors that these preachers were spreading false teachings by declaring that the way of salvation consisted of rejecting Moses' Law and by believing and practicing that men were only saved by believing and obeying the teachings of Christ. This did not work very well, so they had to change their tactics. They did this by pretending to be Christians and began to infiltrate the congregations and saying, "Paul is wrong. You can believe in Jesus as we do, but the Law of Moses is to be observed as well." Then they said the Apostles back in Jerusalem didn't tell that to Paul. This was true, for a false interpretation, because Paul never went to Jerusalem after his conversion, because he got his information straight from Heaven above. Galatians 1:11-18 proves it beyond a shadow of a doubt. So, Paul was taught by the Lord himself what to preach.

This brings about a very important fact. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God," given for all we need to know to be rightly instructed in matters of salvation, to hear Jesus only, to believe in Jesus, to repent for your sins, to confess his name before men, to be baptized in water for the remission of our sins. This is the only way a man can be perfect, or complete, in Jesus.

Closing point of this, out of concern for your salvation, I will add, if you have not done these things and you attend a church of man, following a man's doctrine, you are in grave danger of losing your soul. Even though you may be a fine, upright member of your community, if you have not fully obeyed the Lord, then even though being considered good, you are not in Christ Jesus.

Our desire is to be of help to you by helping you understand the truth that saves. Contact us at 859-369-4165, or visit with us at any time at 70 Bond Street in West Irvine.

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Friday, March 30th @ 12:00 Noon

Countywide Good Friday Service

On behalf of the Estill County Ministerial Association we invite everyone to celebrate Jesus Christ together at a special outdoors county-wide Good Friday service. What a privilege we have to be united under one Cross with the greater community of believers. The service will be Friday, March 30 at First Christian Church, 270 Main St., Irvine, 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. Please come.

Sat., March 31st and Sunday, April 1st

Easter Activities at Salem

An Easter Egg Hunt will be Sat., March 31st, 2018 from 2-3:30 p.m. for children of all ages. It will be a family day filled with fun, games, food, and fellowship. The event will be indoors if rain. Come and worship "The Risen Lord" on Easter Sunday, April 1st during our Morning Sunrise Service at 7:15 a.m. Also, there are Sunday School classes available for everyone beginning at 10 a.m.; Morning Worship at 11 a.m..

April 2-6, 6-7:30pm

Adult VBS at Salem Baptist

Adult VBS "There's Room at the Cross" is April 2-6th from 6-7:30 p.m.. We will have a light meal, bible lesson, and crafts. Child-care will be provided. There's room for everyone. Come join us!

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Saturday, March 17, 2018

Jerry Lee Thornberry, 82



Jerry Lee Thornberry, 82, of Winchester, Kentucky, husband of Ruth Huff Thornberry, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Saint Joseph East Hospital in Lexington.

He was born on May 23, 1935 in Olive Hill to the late Glenn Horton Thornberry and Virginia Kerns Thornberry. He was a self-employed business man, and owner of Thornberry Markets and Quickshop Trailer Park. He was a member of the 1951 state champion basketball team and the 1953 state champion golf team of Clark County High School. Mr. Thornberry was a proud United States Army Veteran and Elder at Calvary Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Huff Thornberry of 57 years, two sons, Timothy Lee (Cynthia) Thornberry and Jeffrey Huff Thornberry; one daughter, Jennifer Thornberry (Brian) Graham; seven grandchildren, Franklin Chase Davis, Kendall Rhea Thornberry, Hayley Ruth Thornberry, Derek Robert Thornberry, Taylor Brian (Sarah) Graham, Caitlin Eyvan Graham, Issac Lee Graham; one brother, Larry Dee (Marga-



Jerry Thornberry

ret) Thornberry.

He is preceded in death by one brother, Jay Douglas Thornberry.

Services were at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 20, at Calvary Christian Church. Burial followed in the Winchester Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Taylor Graham, Derek Thornberry, Issac Graham, Chase Davis, Mike "Bear" Rogers, Larry Curtis, and John Wheatley.

The honorary pallbearers were the elders and deacons of Calvary Christian Church.

Visitation was held 5-8 p.m., Monday, March 19, at Calvary Christian Church.

Scobee Funeral Home of Winchester was in charge of arrangements.

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PHILIPPIANS 2:8

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Find the bolded/underlined words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, whom did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No One, Villagers

5. Which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus

6. From Acts 1, how long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

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"You know, Larry," he began in a soft voice, "I'm troubled by the fact that all of the horrible things I see on TV or hear over the radio when I travel don't bother me as much as they once did. What's happening to me?" he asked.

We all wonder, at one time or another, how a group of people can watch a person being beaten or robbed, or fall ill in a crowded mall or on busy street corner, and no one responds. We see the ravages of war, watch people die on a battlefield, see disabled veterans trying to adjust to life with artificial limbs and seem to accept it as "normal" in today's culture. It seems as though the pain and suffering of others matter little to anyone except the one enduring the hardships.

The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 94 was troubled by the evil in the world. He looked around and saw people oppressed. He was aware of calloused leaders whose only concern was for themselves. He was troubled by the lack of concern for widows and children and asked, "God, if You created ears for people to hear, and eyes for people to see, why don't You hear the cries and see the suffering of those whom You created?" Do something God!

So, has God, like us, become insensitive to the needs of people and the condition of the world? Does He not care about what is happening to His creation? Indeed He does.

"He will repay them and destroy them for their wickedness," says the Psalmist. But until He does, we are responsible to bring His hope and healing to the suffering.

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The Seven Chosen to Serve (Acts 6:1-3)

1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

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