

**God Wants All  
Men to be Saved  
part 2**



God has known, since the beginning of the world, which people would be His people and which people would reject Him. We do not have this information, and until we are saved, we don't even know about ourselves. That's why we are given the opportunity, daily, to help all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth.

You may see unbelievers living like this life is all that there is, so they will live for themselves. James talks about this.

James 4:13-17

**Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.**

Paul tells us that, for us, this life is not about “living it up.” We who are in Christ, know that a much better life, an eternal life in heaven, awaits us. Paul says that if this life is all that we have, we are miserable people. (This explains why unbelievers try so many things to be happy.) But since Christ has risen from the death as firstfruits, we who are “in Christ” will follow and be made alive as He was.

### 1 Corinthians 15:19-22

**If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Jesus told a true story about 2 men, one who was poor when he was on earth, and the other who had been rich. They both died. We know the poor man was a believer because he ended up in a place of comfort, Abraham’s bosom. We know the rich man was not a believer, because he ended up in hell. Abraham told him that the

tables were turned. He was not in hell because he had been rich, he was in hell because had enjoyed all of the good things that his money could buy on earth, not worrying about his soul.

### Luke 16:19-25

There was a **certain rich man**, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a **certain beggar named Lazarus**, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, **remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.**

Since God knew we were going to be believers before we were born, He predestinated us to be conformed to the image of Christ. Christ's resurrection made Him the firstborn of all of the believers who have been put in Christ. God called us, justified us, and glorified us.

### Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

Jesus also had a parable, a representative story, about another rich man who was so satisfied with his life and preparations for his future on earth that he resolved to just eat, drink, and be merry. Unfortunately, we know he was an unbeliever and would not be able to eat, drink, and be merry

any longer on the earth. He should have made preparations for his eternal future.

Luke 12:16-21

And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. **And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.** But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then **whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**

Since none of us know who will be saved and who will not be saved, as Christ's body here on earth, we should take every opportunity to share the gospel with others—especially husbands with wives and wives with husbands. Paul says you don't know whether you may save your spouse!

## 1 Corinthians 7:12-13, 15-16

But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: **If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.**

<sup>15</sup>**But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart.** A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. **For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?**

Peter assures us that God is waiting this long time before His return to give everyone a chance to come to Him. He doesn't want anyone to perish.

## 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

Even after God starts pouring out His wrath on the earth, He will continue to send out messengers to preach the gospel of the kingdom to all nations, right up to the end.

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Amazingly, God allows unbelievers every chance, for the sake of believers. God wants believers to see His longsuffering with the “vessels of wrath, fitted to destruction,” the unbelievers. He is willing to show his wrath on the unbelievers so He can show us, the vessels of honor—we believers—the riches of his glory. It is all for our benefit!

God knows how we think. We need to be shown that God has given everyone a chance, many chances, to avoid an eternity in hell. We have loved ones and friends that we think are “good people” and we want them to be saved. We get angry with God if we think they aren’t going to be saved.

### Proverbs 16:4

The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

### Romans 9:20-24

Nay but, O man, **who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?** Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? **What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy,** which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

God tells us that unbelievers are without excuse. Ending up in the lake of fire for an eternity is a conscious choice that people make. It is hard for us to understand, and that is why God has gone to such great lengths to show us that it is a choice unbelievers have made.

Romans 1:20-21

For **the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse**: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.