

**God Wants
All Men
to be Saved**

Many people question God's will for them. The Bible tells us what God wants for all men. He wants them to be saved, and to know His word, the Bible. It is that simple!

1Timothy 2:3-4

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

Many of us have wondered about how people in the past, before the Bible was written, or people who have been raised in non-Christian households, or even people today who live in remote places with no outside communication, will hear God's truth and know what God wants from them. Since God wants everyone to be saved, you can be sure that everyone has the opportunity to be saved! God's communication reaches everyone.

Jesus made it known that we need every word God speaks to live! It is as important as having food to eat! God will make sure we get His word.

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

Any time the Bible says “as it is written,” you will probably be able to find the Old Testament prophecy it refers to. Jesus was referring to what Moses told Israel about the bread from heaven, manna, which God used to sustain them in the wilderness. God used it to tie daily bread to His word.

Deuteronomy 8:3

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know **that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.**

We find in the Bible, that God has saved all men (past present, and future,) by the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Note the last part of the verse below, "specially

of those that believe."

1Timothy 4:10

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in **the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.**

All men have been forgiven for every sin they will ever commit, by the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, who died in our place for our sins. But you cannot be saved and spend eternity with our Savior unless you accept His free gift of forgiveness, "specially of those that believe."

Romans 3:22-23

Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:** for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Many of us wonder how men would have access to the knowledge of God's salvation in the past, the people who died before Jesus' saving work on the cross, and before everyone had access to the

Bible. We want to know that everyone has had a chance to make a choice about where they will spend eternity.

In case you were concerned that some people did not get the message of salvation, Paul tells Titus that God Himself shows the way to salvation to everyone, past, present and future.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

God causes all people to know Him through His creation.

Job 37:5-7

God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. **He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.**

Paul tells us that the invisible things from the creation of the world are clearly seen and understood by the things created (including us.) There is no excuse for being an unbeliever. He says that what we can know about God is shown in creation. Some people simply choose not to glorify or even acknowledge God.

Romans 1:18-21

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; **Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 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.

Job tells us that God's other creations, our fellow creatures, understand and instruct us about God.

Job 12:7-10

But ask now **the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?** In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

The sun, moon, stars, and the earth declare the glory of God. Their instruction transcends any language or speech.

Psalm 19:1-5

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.) **The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.** Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. **There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.** Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. **In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.**

There will always be scoffers who mock people who believe God and His promises, and accept His gifts. Peter tells us that ungodly people have to purposely (willingly) ignore the evidence of God's power and might in His creation.

2 Peter 3:2-3

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

Man became a living soul because God breathed His breath into Adam's nostrils. All of us have God's breath in our nostrils. We take every breath by the grace of God.

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Every creature that draws breath, draws it by the grace of God. The breath of life is in all flesh.

Genesis 7:21-22

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

Our relationship with God is so necessary that our very lives depend on God's spirit. This is not the Holy Ghost. It is the "person" of God that is found in everyone, saved and unsaved, that keeps them alive.

Job 27:3

All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

So, we have the same dependence on God as our fellow creatures, the animals. The difference is that the animals know about God and act as our teachers.

Psalm 104:24-30

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are thy works! **in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.** So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. **These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.** Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

Paul gets to the heart of the problem. If anyone who calls on the name of the Lord is saved, how can we get everyone to hear about the Lord?

He then answers his own question with a quote from Isaiah. All men have heard because God's word has gone out to the ends of the world.

God's thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are not our ways. They are higher than ours-- more than the heavens are above the earth. God sends out His word and it always accomplishes what God wants it to accomplish.

Isaiah 55:8-11

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

Can the entire world get God's message of salvation by Him speaking it? Yes! Remember, God merely spoke creation into existence.

Genesis 1:3

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

God spoke the heavens and the angels, the host of heaven, into existence by His word.

Psalm 33:6

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

The earth was created by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

His sound of His word has gone into all the earth and unto the ends of the world.

Romans 10:13-18

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?** as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.**

Solomon prayed that all of the people of the earth would know that the Lord is God, when they saw how He blessed Israel:

1 Kings 8:59-60

And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, **that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his**

people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require: That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.

From the Bible, we even know how God will send out His voice in the future, after we are raptured from the earth, to help those left behind to know His word. He will supernaturally seal and protect 144,000 young Jewish men to spread His word to the ends of the earth, to save as many people as will listen, from the antichrist.

Revelation 7:4

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and **there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**

Revelation 14:1

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Revelation 14:3

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

God will send an angel to preach to everyone on earth about His judgement on the earth, and the need to worship the creator of heaven and earth.

Revelation 14:6-7

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

God will also send 2 witnesses to prophesy, preach, for 3 ½ years. They will not be able to be killed during that time and anyone who tries to hurt or kill them will be killed.

Revelation 11:3, 5-6

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

⁵And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

You can see how much God does to make His message of salvation known to everyone. As Christ's body here on earth, we should take every opportunity to share the gospel with others.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For **I delivered unto you first of all that**

which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

This is especially important for husbands and wives. Paul says you don't know whether you may save your spouse!

1Corinthians 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.

¹⁵**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?**

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. But we cannot know for certain about anyone's beliefs or their salvation. Samuel tells us that we can only see the outward man, but the Lord can see the heart.

1Samuel16:7

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the **LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**

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. Then He can show us, the vessels of honor—believers—the riches of his glory. It is all for our benefit!

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?

Even though it is difficult for us who know and love unbelievers, 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 that unbelievers have made.

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