

The Question is Sometimes Asked, “Are there good people in all churches?”

The statement that "there are good people in all churches" is usually made as a defense of the existence of the many different conflicting denominations or false religions. Certainly, there are good people in all the churches. There are good people out of churches, too. There are good people who are infidels as well, but the real question is not are they good, but are they saved?

It is good to be good, but it is not good enough. One cannot save himself by just being good. He must obey the gospel of Christ to be saved.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 – Paul tells us this,

“And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the lord and from the glory of his power.”

Matthew 7:21-23 – Jesus spoke these words,

“Not everyone who says to me, lord, lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, lord, lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name? Then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!”

Luke 6:46 – Jesus said,

“But why do you call me lord, lord; and do not the things which I say?”

Cornelius was a good man but he was a lost man!

Acts 10:1-6 – Luke tells us this,

“There was a man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian regiment, A devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. About the ninth hour of the day, he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, Cornelius! And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “what is it lord?” So, he said to him, “your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.”

Acts 11:14 – Peter tells of the conversation between himself and Cornelius, and the angel told Cornelius, Peter will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.

The good people in human churches are lost people, not because they are not good moral people, but because they have not obeyed the gospel of God. This is why we appeal to good people to leave their human churches and obey the gospel. There is no other hope for these good people.

things we need to remember when in worship

1. Remember the purpose of worship is not to entertain or amuse one another, but it is to pay homage, love and honor to God.
2. Remember the people in worship; they are not perfect, neither are you. Those with imperfections are worshipping him who is perfect. He who realizes his own imperfections is better qualified to worship him than the one who imagines himself ‘perfect’.
3. Come to the worship period thinking how great god is and how insignificant you are.
4. Give due attention to the thoughts contained in the spiritual songs as well as in the harmony and melody of the singing of them.

5. Remember that a sermon depends as much on the hearing of it as the presenting of it.
6. Keep in mind that a critical, intolerant attitude is foreign to the spirit of him whom you purpose to praise and to them that are gathered with you. You should be seeking to encourage those who are worshipping with you. Not finding faults or criticizing others. Look at self and make sure your attitude is correct so, your worship will be pleasing to God.

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