

Can One Be Saved Out Of The Church?

TEXT: Eph. 3:21

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THE WORLD SAYS "YES!"
- B. "CAN'T A **GOOD** PERSON BE SAVED OUT OF THE CHURCH?"
 - 1. Whose standard of goodness shall we use?
 - 2. If one can, all can - no need for the church.
 - 3. No one argues that the church saves. The question is

"Who does God save?"
- C. PREACHING THE NECESSITY OF BEING IN THE CHURCH, WE DO NOT PREACH PEOPLE INTO HELL.

I. OUR QUESTION DOESN'T DEAL WITH A DENOMINATION.

- A. DENOMINATIONALISTS DENY THE NECESSITY.
- B. GOD REJECTS & CONDEMNS DENOMINATIONALISM(**1 Cor. 1:10**).
- C. WE ARE DISCUSSING THE CHURCH CHRIST PROMISED TO BUILD AND BOUGHT WITH HIS BLOOD(**Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28**).

II. IF WE CAN BE SAVED OUT OF THE CHURCH, CHRIST DIED FOR A NON-ESSENTIAL.

- A. THE CHURCH IS CLIMAX TO GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE(**Eph.3:10-11**).
- B. GOD'S PLAN - CHRIST SHOULD DIE FOR IT(**Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27**).
- C. JESUS PRAYED THAT IF THERE BE ANOTHER WAY(**Matt. 26:39**).

III. IF SO, WE CAN BE SAVED OUT OF WHAT THE CHURCH IS.

- A. **EKKLESIA**, "TO CALL OUT."
 - 1. By the gospel(**2 Thes. 2:14**). To what?(**vs.13; Rom.1:16**).
 - 2. Called from what into what?(**1 Pet. 2:9; Col. 1:13-14**).
 - 3. Called to be saints(**1 Cor. 1:2,9**).
- B. THE CHURCH IS THE KINGDOM(**Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4**).
- C. THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY(**1 Tim. 3:15**).

HIS CHILDREN ARE IN HIS FAMILY.
- D. JESUS, A PRIEST OVER GOD'S HOUSE(**Heb. 10:21**). No priest?
- E. BODY(**Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23**).

IV. IF SO, THEN SAVED WITHOUT THAT WHICH IS IN THE CHURCH.

- A. ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS **IN CHRIST**(**Eph. 1:3**).
- B. ALL DIVINE CHOOSING **IN CHRIST**(**vs. 4**).
- C. ALL SONSHIP IS **IN CHRIST**(**vs. 5**).
- D. GOD'S GRACE IS **IN CHRIST**(**vs. 6**).
- E. REDEMPTION & FORGIVENESS ARE **IN CHRIST**(**vs. 7**).
- F. HIS WILL PURPOSED **IN CHRIST**(**vs. 8-9**).
- G. **ALL THINGS** SUMMED UP **IN HIM**(**vs. 10**).
- H. **CHRIST** IS THE **FULLNESS OF ALL THINGS** DIVINE(**Col. 2:9**).
- I. THE **CHURCH** IS THE **FULLNESS OF CHRIST**(**Eph. 1:22-23**).

V. FINAL ARGUMENT - MARRIED TO CHRIST.

- A. JESUS DESCRIBED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST AS THE BRIDEGROOM
(**John 3:28-30**).
- B. PAUL ESPOUSED US TO ONE HUSBAND(**2 Cor. 11:1-2**).
- C. THE CHURCH IS HIS BRIDE(**Eph. 5:22-23**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. ONE MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH TO BE SAVED.
- B. ARE YOU A MEMBER?
- C. **1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:26-27.**