

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 12: NARROW IS THE WAY

SALVATION

During Old Testament times people were saved by repenting of their sins and believing in the future Messiah. **Romans 4:1-17**

The prophet Isaiah was given great insight into salvation through the future Messiah. **Isaiah 53:1-10**

DIFFICULT TO GET SAVED

Since Jesus is the God of the Old Testament, He was well aware of the fact that very few people were saved from the time of Adam until the incarnation 4,000 years later. This is why He warned the people that the road to salvation is narrow and difficult to find. **Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:22-24**

False prophets would hinder people from finding the truth and be saved. **Matthew 7:15**

The apostle Paul made it clear that many people would be hindered from salvation. **1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:1-9**

DISCERNING THE TRUTH

Jesus taught how His disciples will discern what is true and what is false. We need to check the fruit of people. **Matthew 7:16-20**

Just because a person uses the name of Jesus or calls themselves a Christian does not mean they are born again. **verses 21-23**

A person must be born again in order to live in heaven and have eternal life after the death of the body. This is why you will die twice if you are only born once, but if you are born twice, you will only die once! **John 3:1-15**

HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN

Beginning with Peter, it was the apostles who laid out the steps of salvation. He preached his first sermon on the day of Pentecost and emphatically stated that salvation is predicated upon repentance. **Acts 2:37-40; 3:19**

The apostle Paul provided more clarity in his letter to the Romans. There has to be a verbal confession that Jesus is Lord and that He has risen from the dead. **Romans 10:9-13**

Paul then added that salvation is a free gift from God. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Jesus is the foundation and believers in Christ are to build their lives upon this footing since each person will be judged when they get to heaven. **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**



LYING TO PEOPLE

The Jewish leadership at the time of Christ worked to ensure that people would not turn to Jesus and be saved. **Matthew 23:13-15**

After the resurrection, the Jewish leadership used their power again to hinder the Gospel from being preached. **Acts 4:1-22**

With the formation of the Roman Catholic Church in 325 A.D., Satan would use ungodly and unsaved leaders for the next 1,600 years or so to make sure that no one was born again.

Roman Catholicism still continues to propagate their false doctrine that ensures millions of its adherents end up in hell. The same can be said about the Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox churches, as well as the Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

When Islam came on the scene in 622 A.D, its fanatics wiped out the Christians in Persia, Iraq and in all of North Africa. There is only a remnant of Christian churches left in Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt.

False religions like Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Swedenborgianism, Christian Science, Scientology, Hinduism, and Unitarian Universalism seduce people and indoctrinate them into a false belief system.

Humanism embraces the atheistic belief about the non-existence of God and tries to create ethical systems that are based upon reason and logic while denying there is a moral law giver.

Jesus foresaw all these religions and their effect on the human race. Only a fraction of the world's current population are saved and this holds true throughout history. This was the case when an estimated 600 million people died in Noah's flood and God only saved eight individuals.

IMMORALITY

From the time of Noah, alcohol has ruined the lives of hundreds of millions of people and kept them from being born again. **Genesis 9:20-21; Proverbs 23:29-35**

Fornication, adultery and idolatry took a great toll on people throughout the ages. **1 Corinthians 10:7-11**

The Devil has spread a large table today where millions of people can drink, take drugs, fornicate, commit adultery, watch pornography, visit whorehouses and gambling places in hundreds of cities like Las Vegas and Monte Carlo.

There are hundreds of television channels and the Internet is endless when it comes to finding sin. In addition, there are movies, videos, concerts, horse racing, etc.

WHERE ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR HOUSE?

Jesus ended his teaching on salvation by giving an example where a house should be built. Is your house built on rock (Jesus) or sand (Satan)? **Matthew 7:24-29**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?