

What Does The BIBLE Say?

As you read this study, I encourage you to study the corresponding scriptures for yourself to develop a personal, confident understanding of biblical truth. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Study like the Bereans, who listened to Paul but did not take his word for it. They studied the scriptures for themselves so they would know for sure.

Acts 17:11 “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” I ask that you do the same with this study. Please pray before you begin.

Will everyone be saved?

Some people believe and teach that everyone who has ever lived will be saved because God does not want anyone to perish and because God is love. They reason, “How can love kill anyone?” This may be comforting, but it is not what the Bible teaches. Others teach that all religions lead to God. While this might be comforting and convenient, it is not what the Bible teaches. Let’s examine what the Bible has to say on these subjects. **Read John 14:6-7.** Jesus said only through Him can anyone find salvation (Not all religions lead to God; many will be lost.)

He also said in Mt 7:13-14: There are only two roads in life: the broad way and the narrow strait way. One leads to destruction and the other to eternal life. (Many will not enter heaven; only a few will. Strive to be part of the few and make it!)

“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name have done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” **Matthew 7:22-23** (Not all will make it; only those who have developed a relationship with Christ Jesus. You say, “I know Jesus.” Does Jesus know you?)

Read John 15:1-7 (Only those who live by the will of God and allow Jesus to work through them, accomplishing His will in their lives, will make it, strive to have a personal relationship with Jesus, and not just about Him, be one who makes it into His kingdom.)

We can see from the Bible that only those who know Jesus Christ through a personal relationship with Him will be saved into His kingdom. It is not about a religion that will save

anyone; only Jesus can save an individual because He alone died for mankind to pay the penalty for sin and was resurrected. Having our names written in the church books will not save us either. What He wants from you is a personal, growing, fruitful relationship with Him. What will you choose, life with the Lord or death without Him? The choice is yours.