

LOST "BELIEVERS"

John 8:45-47

Introduction: In the days of Jesus there were those who attended temple services, worshipped Jehovah, gave alms to the poor, stood on street corners and prayed publicly, all in appearance, sound and profession to believe in God's Word. Yet Jesus called them unbelievers. Why? Looking at our day and the religious attitudes of many, the situation is very similar for there are many who attend services, give their money, profess to be believers yet there is a "falseness" about them that indicates that they are not true, real, sincere believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. They "profess" to know Jesus but all indications are that they don't "possess" Jesus.

I. MANY SAY THE BIBLE IS TRUE, YET THEY REMAIN UNSAVED

1. To say that the Bible is true, that Jesus was/is a real person, there is a heaven and hell, that there is coming a judgment, yet still remain uncommitted to Jesus, not yet trusting in Jesus, is to be under tremendous responsibility and danger.
2. Jesus has revealed man's need.
 - There is the need to be regenerated, converted, born again.
 - If one's doctor told him/her that he/she was dying of a dread disease and that person remained uninterested and took no steps to bring a cure, it would be very clear that either that was insane or just didn't believe what the doctor said.
 - How can a person say he/she believes that the Bible is true, yet remain unsaved?
3. Jesus came in person to make it clear what it takes to be saved.
 - God demands repentance, a change of mind about sin, self, Jesus Christ.
 - God requires faith from a person that becomes action.
 - If what Jesus proclaimed is true, then why is a person still unsaved if he/she says that the Bible is true and believes it?
4. Jesus came to provide what the soul needs.
 - Jesus sacrificed Himself on a Cross for the souls of people. Yours, Mine, etc.
 - Jesus came to save sinners which every human being is.
 - If a person professes this to be also true, then why remain in the position of being lost and still doomed to Hell?
5. Jesus came to reveal the freeness of God's Grace.
 - *"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..."*
 - *"...Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved..."*
 - What can be more free than God's Grace? People admit that God's Grace is free, yet refuse to accept it. Why?
6. Jesus came to give a clear description of the danger of unsaved, lost souls.
 - Jesus spoke of hell fire, weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, a place where the worm dies not.
 - *"Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.."*

- Some say that they believe there is a real hell and the description that the Bible gives of it yet remain unbelievers in Jesus. If one really believed, then how can a person remain the same, knowing that any instant he/she could be there in that horrible place?

7. Jesus has brought to light the hope of immortality, eternal life and heaven.

- What glowing pictures the Bible gives of the place of the saved.
- If one really believed what the Bible says, that person would cry out to Jesus for mercy.
- If Jesus and the Bible are not liars, how then can a person who says he/she believes the Bible remain unsaved, unconverted?

II. EXCUSES, APOLOGIES, ETC. DO NOT ERASE THE FACT THAT ONE IS STILL LOST

1. A person says "I believe, but don't feel the need yet."

- Then that person doesn't really believe what Jesus said about being saved.
- Only in physical matters do feelings come first. Spiritual matters are quite different.
 - Facts come first!
- If one really believes him/herself to be a sinner, lost, damned as the Bible says one is, If one really believed that he/she was on his/her way to hell, that person would FEEL that repentance and being reborn was necessary.
- A person says the Bible is true, but really doesn't believe it at all if there is no turning to Jesus.

2. A person says "I don't see how faith can save me."

- Faith in itself doesn't save. It is the object of that faith that saves and that is Jesus Christ.
- The Bible makes it very clear that works nor man can save him/herself.
- ***"...he that believeth on Him is not condemned, and he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the Son of God..."***

3. A person says "The promises of the Bible are too good to be true."

- What is true is that person is saying that he/she doesn't believe in the God of the Bible, in His power, in His wisdom, in His sovereignty or anything else about God, nor about one's real condition or destination.

4. A persons says "Those promises can't be for me."

- If one believes the Bible, then just who are the "whosoever, and every creature?"
- ***"...him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out..."***

5. A persons says, "I'm just not ready."

- Once again that person doesn't really believe the Bible.
- The Bible declares the shortness and uncertainty of life and that death is certain with eternity at hand and those without Jesus are condemned and are hanging over the fires of hell.
- Just what keeps one hanging on to whatever he/she hangs on to in order not to believe in Jesus and be saved?
- What that person is saying is "I believe the Bible with my mouth, but not with my heart.

CONCLUSION:

1. IF the Bible is true then what hinders people from being saved who say they believe the Bible?
2. Some say that they just cannot believe the Bible.
 - The facts of the Bible concern every human being, therefore the unbeliever as well.
 - Every soul is at the crossroads of heaven and hell. Every soul chooses between God, Christ, Heaven, everlasting life, Satan, sin and everlasting hell fire.
3. Come to Jesus NOW! Cast all your care, concern, questions, worry, doubts upon Him. Trust your entire existence to Jesus Christ right now and He will do the rest.