

## Searching the Scriptures / 63 / Will You Be In Hell? / Part 3

In our time together let's consider the most crucial of all questions for each one of us—Will You Be In Hell? I want us to look at a number of practical questions and biblical answers regarding what we are saved from and the nature of God's salvation program as outlined in His Word, the Bible.

### **Q-10. What can I do to avoid going to Hell forever?**

A. We can do nothing whatsoever. However, God has, in His great mercy and grace, decided to save some from the lost human race and to take them to be with Him forever in Heaven.

*...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*

*I [Jesus] am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11*

*According as he [God] hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. Ephesians 1:4–5*

### **Q-11. If God has already decided whom He will save and there's nothing I can do about it, why should I get all upset about going to Hell forever?**

A. No one knows whom God has chosen, yet man is still 100% accountable to God for his sin:

*...behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. Numbers 32:23*

### **Q-12. Doesn't the Bible say, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”? Can't I simply accept Jesus as my personal Savior, choose Christ, or just decide to follow Jesus?**

A. It's true the Bible commands all men to “believe”, but there's not a word anywhere in the Bible about man's “accepting” Jesus or “choosing” Jesus or “deciding” for Jesus. God gives many commands to men in the Bible that they should do, like believe, repent, be perfect, confess, be holy, etc., but man is utterly incapable of obeying any of them in his natural condition.

*Be ye therefore perfect...Matthew 5:48*

*Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Matthew 3:2*

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus... Romans 10:9*

*Because it is written: Be ye therefore holy as I [God] am holy...1 Peter 1:16*

### **Q-13. Does this mean that man does not have “free will” in his salvation?**

A. That's right. The Scriptures are filled with counsel that God alone is the author of salvation and that man plays no part in his salvation because he is spiritually dead.

*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) Ephesians 2:5*

*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12–13*  
*John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. John 3:27*

**Q-14. How can anyone become saved then?**

**A.** The Bible alone gives us that answer.

*And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Luke 18:27*  
*All that the Father giveth me [Jesus] shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out... No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:37, 44*

**Q-15. Isn't there SOMETHING I can do to become saved from Hell?**

**A.** Absolutely not. Actually, men have invented their own salvation systems where they choose God (He does not choose them). Men want only to trust in their own works to save themselves. They want to be in control and to make the final decision about their eternal destiny. Appearing to seek salvation, mankind has invented a very wicked, totally man-centered, self-centered false “gospel” of salvation.

*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 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*  
*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8–9*

My prayer for you and your loved ones is the same as what I desire for myself and my loved ones—that God might have mercy on us and grant us His salvation from sin and Hell.