

DOES GOD ACCEPT ALL FAITHS?

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We all have loved ones, friends, and neighbors who have different beliefs than ours. Good people, God-fearing people, and diligent in their religious practices. Yet, are they right with God?

All discussions usually end with this statement being made. "**You serve God in your way, I'll serve Him in mine. We all are serving the same God and striving for heaven, just taking different paths to the same destination.**" Men add fuel to this flame by encouraging men to "join the church of their choice." How do we approach these people?

Begin by asking the simple question, **Does God Accept All Faiths?** I will endeavor to answer this question, by asking some questions of my own. If so, why then did ...

CHRIST TAKES AWAY ONE? Jesus came here to fulfill the Law. Matthew 5:17,18. Yet, His death on the cross "nailed the ordinances" to that cross. Colossians 2:14-17. The writer of Hebrews plainly tells us the truth concerning this matter. Please read Hebrews 8:6-12 and Hebrews 10:9. If God accepts ALL, why take one out?

MULTITUDES GIVE ONE UP? Beginning in Acts 2 many gave up Judaism? Please read Acts 2:37-41; 4:4; 6:7. Paul tried to get the men and women of Athens to give up idols. Acts 17: 16-31. Why did many believe and obey, if God accepts all faiths?

WHY DID SAUL CHANGE RELIGIONS? Saul was busy persecuting the church. Acts 8:3; 9:1 Advanced among all his peers. Galatians 1:13,14. From his youth was a devout Pharisee, born of "stock of Israel". Acts 26:4,5; Philippians 3:3-8; Did all things in "good conscience". Acts 26: 9-11 Saul was respected among all the Jews, diligent, zealous, and he knew he was pleasing God. Going down that road to Damascus, Saul was converted. He changed and became a Christian, known as the apostle Paul. Why did he change, if God accepts all faiths?

WHY DOES THE BIBLE WARN OF FALSE TEACHERS? Read carefully the following passages: Matthew 7:15-20; Acts 20:28-32; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Peter 2: 1-3; 1 John 4: 1. God's word is full of warnings against those who claim to be "His" but are deceivers. How could they deceive men, if God accepts all faiths?

WHY DO THE SCRIPTURES EMPHASIZE ONE? Jesus was preparing for the cross while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. What did He pray for? UNITY! "That they may be one ... " John 17:21 Read Galatians 1:6-9; Ephesians 4:1-6. Why does the Bible emphasize "one body" if God accepts all faiths?

How do the answers to all these questions help us answer the first question?

CHRIST TAKES AWAY ONE, to fulfill the Father's will and gives men Redemption.
Ephesians 1: 7; Hebrews 8:6-8.

MULTITUDES GAVE UP ONE, because now the law of Christ was the power of God to
save all men. Romans 1: 16

SAUL CHANGED, because he was guilty of persecuting God's Son. Acts 9:4-6 PAUL
PERSUADED MEN, because he loved their souls. Romans 10:1-3

FALSE TEACHERS, will always be with us.

ONE IS EMPHASIZED, because it will be given back to God on the last day following
the resurrection and judgment of all men. 1 Corinthians 15: 24-26.

Dear reader, you read the evidence contained in the sacred writ. Now each of you have
to make a decision concerning our subject. Does God Accept All Faiths? What say ye? ***