



Beliefs - Death to Life (Part 1)

At Gods Purpose Ministries, our beliefs are pretty simple. But instead of just listing them for you, we decided to let you discover them for yourselves as you enjoy some short, very inspiring, and informative messages about the Nature of God, the Trinity, the love of Jesus, man, sin, salvation, prayer, and God's greatest purpose for your life. Listen, read, and enjoy.

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A huge MISCONCEPTION that many people (even Christians) have about JESUS is...

Many people think that Jesus came to make bad people good. HE DIDN'T.

Jesus didn't come to make bad people good, He came to make dead people live!

The reason I bring this up is to make a point to the unsaved moral person, who by man's standards might be considered a "good" person. They do nice things, give to charities, help other people, they work hard, support their families, they don't cheat on their spouse (physically), they love their children, even go to church once in a while. They don't do drugs and they haven't killed anybody (yet). But as we know from God's word, man's (self) righteousness is like filthy rags in the sight of God **-Isaiah 64:6**.



The Crucifixion Experience

Many so called "good" people will be going to Hell without Christ in their lives, because Jesus is the only way into Heaven **-John 14:6**. He made it pretty clear. I also know many people (myself included) who lived life-styles that were very ungodly and immoral. We would be considered by most to be "bad" people, but by God's grace many of these people are now on their way to Heaven.

HEAVEN AND HELL ARE NOT DETERMINED BY WHETHER WE ARE GOOD OR BAD, BUT WHETHER WE ARE SPIRITUALLY ALIVE OR SPIRITUALLY DEAD. HEAVEN AND HELL ARE NOT DETERMINED BY WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE SIN IN OUR LIVES, BUT RATHER IF WE HAVE "THE SON" IN OUR LIVES. IT IS NOT A SIN ISSUE, BUT A SON ISSUE. FOR IT IS BY GRACE WE ARE SAVED, THRU FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF OURSELVES BUT IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT BY WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST **-EPHESIANS 2:8-9**.

NOW HOLD ON, BEFORE YOU RIGHT ME OFF, I AM NOT CONDONING SIN, NOT EXCUSING SIN, AND NOT GIVING A LICENSE TO LIVE IN SIN. "SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? GOD FORBID **-ROMANS 6:1**

But there is a difference between one who struggles with sin and strives for holiness and one who thinks that God is ok with their sin and never seeks to live a godly life.

Look what Jesus Himself said in **John 10:10** "The thief comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy, But I have come that you might have... church? No. I have come that you might have... religion? No. I have come that you might... be a good person? No. Jesus said I have come that you might have LIFE.

The Scriptures say that through Christ we have passed from death into LIFE **-John 5:24**. (not from bad unto good.) Of course God expects that as we enter this new life in Christ, that we leave the old sinful lifestyle behind us as we start a NEW LIFE -2 Cor. 5:17. "If any man be in Christ, He is a new creation. All the old things have passed away, and behold, all things have become new. At the moment we surrender our lives to Christ and begin to live a life of faith, our lives are forever changed, but we are not instantly SINLESS.

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However, as we grow in grace, godliness and character, we should begin to SIN LESS and LESS and LESS. Salvation takes place in an instant, but Sanctification is a life-long process.

ALL I AM TRYING TO SAY IS THAT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO JESUS. Either we love Him or we don't. Either we know Him or we don't. Either we serve Him, or we don't. Either we have Him or we don't. Either we trust Him or we don't. He is either Lord of ALL, or He isn't Lord AT ALL.

You might say, "But I still say that I am a "good" person and I don't need Jesus."

The Bible clearly says that "There is no one righteous, not even one." **-Romans 3:11**. It also says that we are all sinners, and we fall short of God's standard **-Romans 3:23**. Most people have heard that verse before. But look at the next verse **-Romans 3:24**, "and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." What it comes down to is we are all hopelessly lost, captive, and headed for eternal destruction. Jesus is the only way we can be found, freed, and forgiven.

PLEASE READ PART 2 and SHARE IT WITH PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT.

God bless you, Pastor George Williams

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Cited Scriptures

- **Isaiah 64:6** But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
- **John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** 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.
- **Romans 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
- **John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- **John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
- **2 Corinthians. 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- **Romans 3:11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
- **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- **Romans 3:24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: