

God Is Going To Save You!

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Did you realize that God saves some folks right now and reconciles all others later, after they die? The Bible says that “the living God is the savior of all human beings” (I Timothy 4:9–11). God desires all people “to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (I Timothy 2:3-6), and whatever God “desires” (wills) is going to happen, because He “works all according to the purpose [design] of His will” (Ephesians 1:11).

But the Bible also tells us that all people have sinned and that the effect of sin is death (Romans 6:23). God’s program does not stop with death, however, because the rest of the verse (Romans

6:23) says “but the gift of God is age-enduring life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 3:23 tells us that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, but the very next verse (Romans 3:24) says that all these people are “being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

Who are these people who become Christians before they die?

All those who are chosen by God (Ephesians 1:11) are receiving new life now through Jesus Christ (who is God the Son.) They are called “elect” individuals, and they will escape God’s corrective indignation and chastening (Romans 8:1 and I Thessalonians 5:9–

10). God's elect will also escape judgment at His great white throne, and they will not experience the "second death," which is God's cleansing lake of fire (Revelation 20:14). All other people will be saved later, so that God finally becomes "all in all" (I Corinthians 15:28).

This new life is altogether the work of God through Christ and cannot come through any other savior. It cannot be earned by performing good deeds. The good works you do, commendable as they are, cannot bring you into proper relationship with God. Your new life is the result of God's grace gift, which is the faith of Jesus Christ, expressed inside of you! God freely gives this faith to the elect (Ephesians 2:8-9), who are

then in the position of believing that Jesus is God's Messiah (anointed one) Who died and came back from the dead for their sake. They are in a much better position to carry out the good deeds God wants humans to accomplish.

Elect individuals receive God's Holy Spirit Who enables them to begin leading a godly life. God made Christ (who never sinned) become sin for us, so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (I Corinthians 5:21). Even if you do not profess faith in Jesus now, keep open to the prospect—you may be one of His Elect, to whom He will give faith on some other occasion. Keep asking Him for the gift of faith.

If I don't become a Christian before I die, what will become of me?

Even if you are not a believer now, you should try to live righteously anyway because the Bible says you will be judged according to your works when the books are opened (Revelation 20:11–15).

Remember that God's corrective chastening, which unbelievers face after death will be stern. It won't be pleasant.

Someday what happens to believers now will happen to all people. They will be made righteous (or “just”) through Christ's one “righteous act,” which was His death on the cross for all people (Romans 5:18).

Take time to express your God-given

faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Begin spending time with other Bible-believing, “born-again” Christians. Start letting God change your behavior. Jesus is going to draw you to Himself either now or later: “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth (put to death on the cross) will be drawing all people unto myself” (John 12:32). Why not let Him do it now?

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