

Why Some Are Not Christians

TEXT: Acts 26:24-29

INTRODUCTION:

- A. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WHY ONE OUGHT TO BE A CHRISTIAN.
- B. SOME STILL ARE NOT. WHY NOT?

I. SOME ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR LOST STATE.

- A. WHY DID THE HOLY SPIRIT COME?(**John 16:8**).
- B. HE REVEALED GOD'S WILL THRU THE APOSTLES(**Eph. 3:5**).
- C. AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR TEACHING(**Acts 2:36; Rom 3:23**).
- D. THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN IS ALSO REVEALED(**Rom 6:23; Eph. 2:1**).

II. SOME ARE CONVINCED SALVATION IS UNCONDITIONAL.

- A. GOD WILL SAVE ALL NICE PEOPLE.
 - 1. Good people in all religions(**John 14:6; 10:1**).
 - 2. The "good, moral man"(**Acts 10:1-2; 11:13-14; Matt. 7:21**).
- C. BELIEF IN THE GOSPEL AND OBEDIENCE ARE NECESSARY.
 - 1. Not everyone that sayeth "Lord, Lord"(**Matt. 7:21**).
 - 2. You must be born again(**John 3:3-5**).
 - 3. Trust in the Lord is essential(**Matt. 16:15-16**).

III. NOT CONVINCED, SKEPTICISM.

- A. THE BIBLE IS FULL OF EVIDENCE(**John 20:30-31**).
- B. IT IS NOT A BOOK OF MYTHS(**2 Pet. 1:16-21; 1 John 1:1-4**).
- C. WE MUST BE READY TO GIVE ANSWER(**1 Pet. 3:15**).

IV. SOME FEEL UNWORTHY AND UNABLE TO HOLD OUT.

- A. GOD PROVIDES AN ESCAPE(**1 Cor. 10:13; Eph. 6:16**).
- B. GOD PROVIDES AN EXAMPLE(**Heb. 12:1-2**).
- C. GOD PROVIDES HELP(**Phil. 4:5; Gal. 6:1; Heb. 10:24**).
- D. GOD FORGIVES(**1 John 1:6-7; 2:1-2**).

V. EVIL INFLUENCE OF SOME PROFESSED CHRISTIANS.

- A. ARE YOU A STEPPING STONE?(**Matt. 5:16**).
- B. OR A STUMBLING BLOCK?(**Matt. 18:6**).

VI. LOVE OF THE WORLD.

- A. **1 John 2:15-17**. A CHOICE TO BE MADE.
- B. ARE WE AS GOOD AS THIS MAN?(**Matt. 19:16-22**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. NO ONE WANTS TO MAKE YOU DO WHAT'S RIGHT.
- B. COULD YOU NOT BE PERSUADED?