

Who Can Be Saved?

Introduction

1. This is a very important question and it certainly deserves a Bible answer. Let us begin by reading what is recorded in Mark 10.
Mark 10:17-27
2. The disciples saw a man sadly turn away who had come asking **"What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"**
 - A. They were bewildered, "astonished" and said to Jesus, **"Then who can be saved?"**
3. The question amounts to this: "If a man who has kept the moral law cannot be saved, then who can?"
 - A. Sadly, very sadly, this is the attitude of many in our day.
 - 1) Most people truly believe that as long as one is a generally good moral person then they will be in eternal rest when they die – "a better place!"
4. Therefore, this morning let us ask two questions:

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1. **The one who makes money their god.**
 - A. **The individual "that trusts in riches."**
 - 1) **This young man could not be saved because riches were more precious to him than life or even greater – the prince of life.**
1 Timothy 6:9-10
2. **The immoral person (v.19).**
 - A. **One may be moral and unsaved, but he cannot be saved in his immorality.**
Galatians 5:19-21
3. **The self-righteous, like this young man (v.20).**
 - A. **Before he can or will enter the kingdom, a man must be humble.**

Matthew 5:20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 18:9-14

Romans 10:1-2

4. The uncharitable (v.21).

A. The religion of Christ has a man-ward side as well as a God-ward side.

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

5. He who turns away from Jesus, as did this young man.

A. Jesus is man's only hope; he who turns from Him has no one else that he can turn to.

John 6:66-67 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

Acts 4:11-12 This is the 'STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED BY YOU BUILDERS, WHICH HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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1. The obedient.

A. The young man came asking, "What shall I do?"

B. Jesus pointed out some things for him to do. This shows us that obedience is absolutely necessary.

James 2:14, 17

Acts 9:6

Acts 16:30-33

2. The person that will act now: The words “Go, Come, Follow” are all present tense.

A. All of God’s commands are for today.

2 Corinthians 6:2 For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

John 9:4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

B. We have to be ready today and every day. Death may come without warning!

Luke 12:16-20 “this night”

3. The merciful: He was to “distribute to the poor.”

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

4. The one who seeks God now, calling on the name of the Lord while one still has breath of life.

A. Unfortunately, this man did not do so.

B. When the opportunity is gone, it is forever gone.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

C. Hear, believe, confess, repent, be baptized and then be determined to live faithfully to God every remaining moment here on earth.

Revelation 2:10Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

