

## **SAVED BY GOOD MORALS**

It is contended by some that persons with good morals, respectable citizens with clean lives, can go to heaven regardless of their relationship to Christianity.

### **We briefly note that if this were true:**

1. Man could have been saved without Christ's coming into the world, but he came to save (Jn 3:17).
2. One could be saved apart from Christ's stripes, but we are healed by his stripes (1 Pet. 2:24).
3. A person could have been saved without the death of Christ, but he died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3).
4. Man could have been justified without the resurrection of Christ, but he was raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25).
5. We could be redeemed apart from the blood of Christ, but we have our redemption through His blood (Eph. 1:7).
6. Men could please God without faith, but without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6).
7. One could be saved without repenting, but those who repent not shall perish (Lk. 13:3).
8. Man could deny Christ and be saved, but those who deny Christ shall be denied before the Father (Mt. 10:33).
9. A person could be saved without being baptized, but baptism saves (1 Pet. 3:20,21).
10. Men could be saved without being born again, but men must be born again to see the kingdom of God (Jn 3:5).
11. We could be saved without obeying the gospel, but Christ will render vengeance to them that obey not the gospel (2 Thes. 1:8).
12. Man could be saved without being converted, but he must be converted to enter into the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 18:3).
13. We could be saved ignorant of the truth, but we must know the truth to become free (Jn 8:32).
14. We could be saved without loving the truth, but those who love not the truth will perish (2 Thes. 2:10).
15. Man could be saved apart from Christ, but apart from Christ he can do nothing (Jn 15:5).
16. One could be saved apart from Christ's name, but there is salvation in no other name (Acts 4:12).
17. A person could be saved out of the body, but Christ is the Savior of the body (Eph. 5:23).
18. Cornelius would have been already saved, but he was not saved until he obeyed (Acts 11:14).