

WHICH IS EASIER? To be LOST or SAVED?

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A. GOD'S WILL FOR SINNERS

01: 1 Tim 2:4 "Who will have all men to saved,"

02: 2 Peter 3:9 "Lord...is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish,"

B. GOD'S SPECIFICATIONS For the TRINITY To SAVE SINNERS

01: FREE: Rev 22:17: Holy Spirit invites the thirsty to freely drink the water of life.

02: EASY: Matt 11:28-30: Jesus invites sinners: come, find rest for souls, His yoke is easy.

03: FAIR: John 1:4-9: Christ the true light, gives light (truth)to every one.

Titus 2:11: God's grace that brings salvation has appeared to everyone.

Rom 12:3: God gives everyone the measure (enough)faith to be saved.

04: SIMPLE: 2 Tim 3:15: A child can understand from Scriptures how to be saved.

05: FAST: Luke 23:39-43. Crucified Criminal only needed 9 words to be saved: "Lord, remember me when You come into your kingdom." He believed Jesus is Lord (God's Son) and had a kingdom (The Messiah). He didn't ask to be saved, just remembered, feeling too wicked for Christ's kingdom. Jesus promised "Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Punctuation marks are not in the manuscripts, they are man made additions. John 19:30-34 Jesus died on Friday, the criminals still alive. John 20:14-17 On Sunday, Mary tried to touch Jesus, He forbid her until He ascended to His Father. To agree with John's Gospel the comma in Luke 23:43 "Verily I say unto thee To-day, thou shalt be with me in paradise." The day Jesus died the criminal believed Jesus is Lord and Messiah!

C. EXAMPLES OF EASY SALVATIONS01:

01: Mark 5:1-15: A Legion of devils (about 5,000) could not stop this poor man from running to Jesus for help. Was his life of sin: naked, robbing people, slashing his chest with sharp stones, separated from his family easier than running to Jesus for help?

02: Luke 19:1-9 Was it easier for Zacchaeus to be a crooked tax collector, hated by the people with very few friends, than coming down a tree joyfully to Jesus?

03: Luke 15:11-18 Was it easier for the Prodigal Son to herd swine, and beg to eat the pig's food, than to return to his father as a servant?

04: Mark 2:3-12 What about the paralyzed carried by four friends? They had to open a roof and lower him down to Jesus, who not only healed, but forgave his sins! Was this miracle harder than being paralyzed, begging food, being a burden to others?

05: Matt 7:13,14 "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait *is* the gate and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." If being saved is so EASY, in Matt 11: 30, why do only a FEW find it in Matt 7:14? Is Jesus contradicting Himself, as atheists claim? NO! For a sinner to find the "narrow way" is a "good work" John 3:16 Sinners are saved by believing (faith), in Christ Eph 2:8,9 We are save by God's grace through faith, not of ourselves, a gift of God, and not by works.

06: John 14:6 Jesus is "the way," and a few are able to find the "narrow way" (Jesus):

a. John 3:1,2: Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, secretly, because of Christ's miracles.

b. Mark 10:17-27: Rich man asked Jesus about salvation, but trusted wealth to save him.

c. Luke 19:1-10: Filthy rich tax collector came just to see Jesus and ended up saved

d. Matt 22:15-22: Pharisees came to tempt (trap) Jesus if he paid taxes to Caesar. If Jesus said YES, He wasn't the Messiah. NO, He disobeyed Roman law and be killed

07: Just finding Jesus did not save those who came with a wrong motive and a poor purpose.

08. Luke 13:23,24: “Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.” This verse looks like another contradiction of Matt 11:30 That salvation is EASY. Christ’s answer is similar to Matt 7:13,14 with these exceptions:
- Luke has the strait gate and not the “broad way” to death, “narrow way to life”
 - Matt does not have the question in Luke “are few saved?”
 - John 10: 7-9 Jesus said, “I am the door (gate) of the sheep” and “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved”
09. Context: Verses before and after a specific Scripture being studied and related texts.
- Luke 13:23 Who called Jesus “Lord” and asked “are few saved?” is identified by “then said one unto him” (Jesus). And Jesus said “unto them.” These people were discussing salvation, had a spokesman, who call Jesus Lord, probably were Jews.
 - Gen 15:5,6 The Jews taught that only Hebrews, descendants of Abraham are saved. Matt 23:15 Gentiles could become Jews, called “proselytes” if circumcised. Acts 15:1 Even some Jews who became Christians taught Gentiles must after the manner (example) of Moses be circumcised to be saved.
 - Isa 56:7: God’s house is a house of prayer for all people.” Mark 11:17 Jesus taught, “Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.”
 - John 10:16 “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold”: (Gentiles) Matt 21:43 Jesus warned the Jew: “The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.” Luke 13:28,29: Jesus warned the Jews, if they did not accept Him as the Messiah, the Gentiles would. “There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.” The Gentiles that bear fruit come from every nation.
10. John 1:11: Jesus “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” Jews rejected Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. They are no longer God’s chosen people. But individual Jews, like Saul, that believe Jesus died for their sins can be saved. The majority of Jews, since the time of Jesus, believe the Messiah is still to come.
- 11: Mark 10:29,30 “There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel’s, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions and in the world to come eternal life” Even with persecutions, the Christian life is 100 times better than the life of sin
- 2 Cor 11:24-27 Ask Saul, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, robbed Nero executed. Saved on the road to Damascus, Apostle to the Gentiles, wrote 14 Books of the Bible, did many miracles, led many to Jesus, Paul had a full 100-fold life!
 - Heb 11:24,25: Like Moses, Paul chose afflictions over pleasures of sin for a season
 - Rev 7:9 “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes” God’s plan of Salvation saves more sinners than a man can count!
 - Rom 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Which is easier? Wages you earn by work and death, or God’s free gift of eternal life by faith in Christ?
 - Heb 7:25: Jesus is able to save sinners to the uttermost. John 6:37: Jesus said, “and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” Heb 2:3 “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” 4

