



**Mike King-Minister**

## BIBLE TALK

Question: Can one be saved without Christ?

Answer: As with all Bible related questions we must let inspiration answer this. Jesus declared that "no man could come to the Father but by me" (Jn. 14:6). Humanism would like to persuade otherwise. When we have a "Christ-less religion," we are devoid of restrictions, conditions or interference from any source, resulting in chaos!

Christ is the only means of reconciling man to God (2 Cor. 5:18) after having been separated by sin (Is. 59:2). Christ died for us to bridge that gap (Rom. 5:8-10). Animal sacrifice could not do it (Heb. 9:14) nor one man for another, only the innocent blood of Jesus (Heb. 9:12, 14, 26). The perfectness of Christ entitled Him to "author salvation" to all who would *obey Him* (Heb. 5:9). Jesus paid the supreme payment to appease God for the sins of mankind (1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Jn. 2:2; Jn. 12:48).

Jesus is the pivotal point of the entire Bible! We must believe Him to avoid punishment (Mk. 16:16; Jn. 8:24), responding to that belief (Jas. 2:19), one must, and will, confess Christ as Lord (Mt. 10:32,33). We turn from objectionable lifestyle and self through repentance (Acts 2:38), which condition allows Christ to "blot out" sin, allowing conversion within (Acts 3:19). Baptism puts us "into Christ" where all spiritual blessing are found (Rom. 6:6, 7; Eph. 1:3). The only place where new creature-hood can be found is in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17-21). Christ is a must! A county preacher was known for his definition of "Christian". He said if you take "Christ" out of the word "Christian" it leaves "ian", which stands for "I ain't nothin"! It may be colloquial, but correct!

*For inquiries or free Bible study by mail, contact:*



***New Albany Church of Christ***

***P.O. Box 148, 511 Hwy 15 S ~ New Albany, MS 38652***  
***nacoc.org ~ 662-534-4649 ~ [bibletalk.mlk@gmail.com](mailto:bibletalk.mlk@gmail.com)***

