



## BIBLE TALK

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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! We become a god unto ourselves and reject the one who holds the "words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68).

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 dying 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 (I Pet. 2:24; I 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!

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