

ARE THERE SAVED PEOPLE IN DENOMINATIONS?

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The question is often asked, "Are there saved people in denominations?" To answer the question, let us ask another question, and refer to the word of God for its answer: "How is one saved?"

1. The Bible teaches that every spiritual blessing including salvation is "in Christ" (Ephesians 1:1-7).
2. The Bible teaches that one must be "baptized into Christ" (Galatians 3:27).
3. The bible teaches that when one is baptized his sins are "washed away" (Acts 22:16).
4. The Bible teaches that when one is baptized "for the remission of sins," he is added to the church by the Lord (Acts 2:38-47).

The Bible is clear that those who hear the gospel, believe its facts, trust its promises and obeys its commandments are saved and therefore added to the Lord's church. Since denominations deny the necessity of baptism for salvation, we simply ask, how could there possibly be any saved people in a denomination. {Note: If any reader doubts that this is true call any denominational preacher and ask if he teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation}

The only way a Christian could be in a denomination is for one to leave the Lord's church to join one! Suppose one has been scripturally baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27) and then leaves the church to join a denomination. Then, you would have a Christian in a denomination. However, we simply ask, "What are you doing there? When he attempts to worship, he does so in vain because denominational worship is not authorized by Christ (Matthew 15:8-9; Colossians 3:17). To remain in denominational error is to be lost.

Using the same line of reasoning, suppose that one, baptized Scripturally, leaves the Lord's church to go back to the world as Demas did (2 Timothy 4:10). Again we ask, "What is he doing there?" If he does not repent, he will be lost. Simon became a Christian then sinned. He was told to repent of his wickedness and pray for forgiveness" (Acts 8:22). To remain in sin is to be lost.

Brethren, the truth of the Matter is there is one body (Ephesians 4:4); that body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23); and the saved are all added to one body by the Lord upon their obedience to the gospel (Acts 2:38-47); Romans 6:17-18). All the saved must abide in Christ (John 15:4-7) or be lost. The simple truth is that people are not saved in denominations. Let us always do the will of our Lord.