

# THERE IS NO OTHER NAME . . .

This title is taken from a verse of Scripture found in the book of Acts, chapter 4, verse 12 -- *"Neither is there Salvation in any other -- for THERE IS NO OTHER NAME under Heaven given among men, by which we MUST be Saved."*

Another important verse of Scripture on this same matter is where Jesus Himself says -- *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life -- NO ONE comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6).

What brought these two verses to mind this week was through an anonymous letter we received with no identification -- no name, no return address, not even a clear Postal Cancellation -- just the 5-page letter.

It was very interesting to read. The writer had very strong beliefs in his/her Church and Denomination, giving many direct quotes to affirm their convictions. As sincere as they were, some were off base and Biblically inaccurate.

One statement that stood out in my reading was -- *"Unfortunately, Hell contains many souls that either thought there was no Hell or thought that God would never allow his children to spend Eternity there. Our free will and the choices we make on earth determine where we will end up in Eternity (we agree so far). Jesus Christ respects our free will and the souls that are in Hell chose to be there by their rejection of (.....) Church teachings."*

In light of the two previously quotes of Scripture verses it is quite evident that no Church teachings have any power as to where an individual spends Eternity -- it solely depends on whether we are Saved by the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ, and His atonement on the Cross for our sins -- OR -- if they reject, or neglect, the clear teachings of the Bible and insist on going their own way.

The most known and quoted verse in all the Bible makes it very clear -- and it is again the very words of Jesus Christ Himself, addressing a prominent Religious leader of His day -- *"For God so Love the (people of) the world that He gave His only Begotten son, that whoever Believes in Him should not perish but HAVE Everlasting Life"* (John 3:16).

If a Religion, Church, or Denomination could assure us of Eternity with God -- then Jesus died in vain. ONLY a personal Biblical relationship with Jesus Christ, God's only Beloved Son, can seal our Eternity and give us the Blessed Assurance of our future home.

Jesus promised -- *"Let not your heart be troubled -- you Believe in God, Believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions -- if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you -- and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself -- that where I am, there you may be also"* (John 14:1-3).

The Apostle Peter said, *"Repent, and be Baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"* (Acts 2:38) -- and that Repent also means to Confess -- *"If we Confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9). No Church or man can do that!

It is the Grace and Power of Jesus Christ ALONE that makes the difference between Eternity in Heaven or Hell -- it is His Shed Blood on the Cross that cleanses us from our sins -- there is NO OTHER NAME -- there is NO OTHER WAY!

*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you WILL be Saved” (Acts 16:31).*

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