



## ... Heart to Heart ...

When one begins talking of one truth, one way to heaven, and one body (or church), it upsets some. At the same time, when we talk about the truth, it can't be presented in some legalistic form of “do's and don'ts.” It must be presented as Jesus and His apostles presented it. Paul taught the preachers Timothy and Titus how they were to present the truth, accurately handling it.

There seems to be a growing number of people in Christ who are slowly abandoning the truth and embracing anyone who talks in terms of God. If people claim to be believers in Jesus and Him crucified, some seem to join up with them with little thought to the standard of the truth. It escapes notice that there are deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons to lead people astray if they embrace other teaching (I Tim. 4:1). The standard of truth becomes blurred. Their children learn it doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you go to church **somewhere and believe**. Have we forgotten that even demons can believe (Jam. 2:19)?

Jesus spoke of God seeking people as those who worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). Jesus warned of people climbing up another way for a relationship with God, that they are thieves and robbers (John 10:1). It was the daily praying, Passover keeping, worshippers of God, that killed Jesus. It was those who “believed Him” (John 8:31) that Jesus said were of their father, the devil (John 8:44).

People teach to just believe and receive the Lord Jesus in your heart and you will be saved. They get that from Romans 10: 9 – 10, not realizing Paul is speaking to those already in the church, those who have been baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins. He wasn't addressing outsiders! Others teach that you must say a sinner's prayer. That is never taught in the truth of God's word. Our airwaves are filled with this kind of teaching.

To embrace other ideas and teachings on salvation is to encourage people to be lost. **No one will be saved outside of Christ!** There is only one way to enter Christ and that's through baptism into Him and His death (Rom. 6). That's not legalism, that's the truth. We must line up with Jesus and His word if we are going to make it. To join ourselves to others that hold to partial truths of the word is to encourage them to live a lie. Just talk to those religious people and speak to them of salvation in Jesus based on Rom. 6 as entrance into Him and His death and listen to their reaction. Think about it!!!

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