

Episode #643 The Why Question 28: Why Salvation?

I. One of the most difficult questions we must ask ourselves regarding God, life, and the world is the “why” question. We who believe that there is a God Who is all-good and all-loving and Who made the world must answer why then this world is such a terrible place and in such a mess.

II. We have seen that the sad condition this world is in is because of Satan’s interference and Adam’s rebellion in the beginning. God has won this world back for Himself by Christ’s death on the cross. Yet there are some called universalists who insist that since God has won the world back, every single person will be saved! This is not the message of the Bible. But why not? Since we can’t help but be born as sinners, why does God demand something from us to save us? Why does He not just save us all? Why does He insist on salvation?

III. The Importance of Receiving.

- A. Mark 6:11. God demanded people receive His messengers. Why? This was to receive Him, John 13:20.
- B. Mark 10:15. One must receive the kingdom of God to enter it.
- C. John 1:11-12. The right to become children of God is only for those who receive Him
- D. John 3:33. Receiving God’s testimony certifies that God is true! Notice that this is what Adam and Eve did NOT do.
- E. John 5:43-44. Many do not receive Christ BECAUSE He comes in His Father’s character.
- F. John 12:48. He who does not receive Christ’s words will be judged by those words in the last day (the day of judgment).

IV. The End in Destruction.

- A. Jeremiah 31:29-30. Christ’s death saw to it that no one will in the end be condemned because of Adam’s sin. No; they will be condemned for their own sin!
- B. Mark 14:21. Speaking of Judas. If Judas is ultimately to be saved, then it was far better for him that he was born. If even one person is not to be saved, then salvation cannot be universal!
- C. John 17:12. Judas is a son of perdition, which means utter ruin. No one who is saved can ever come to utter ruin.
- D. Romans 9:22-24. Some are vessels of wrath, fit only for destruction.
- E. Philippians 3:17-19. The end of some is destruction. If that is their “end,” then they cannot ultimately be saved. Why are they so? Their minds are set on the wrong thing!
- F. Matthew 18:9. Gehenna was the garbage dump, the place where people would cast things that were absolutely useless. God uses it as His place to dispose of useless human beings. Those whose minds and hearts are set against God.
- G. Revelation 21:8. Much as we hate to admit it, some people (including some we know!) are just such people as this, and will not turn from it!
- H. I Corinthians 6:9-11. Such were some of you! Clearly there is a way out for the sinner. This is what we call salvation.

V. God and Faith.

- A. Hebrews 11:6. Why faith? Because it is necessary to please God.
- B. Hebrews 11:1-3. Faith makes substantial things not personally experienced.
- C. Genesis 3:1-6. Lack of faith was Eve’s failure in the beginning: first, not thinking God’s word sufficient, verse 3, then, thinking it wrong, verse 6.

D. I Timothy 2:13-14. Lack of faith was Adam's failure too. He realized God's word was true, but he didn't obey it anyway!

E. Ephesians 2:8-10. We are saved by grace through faith. It is a gift. Then, we are created for good works!

F. I John 5:10-11. We need to believe the record God gave of His Son.

G. John 20:30-31. The record includes Who Jesus is: the Christ, the Son of God.

H. I Corinthians 15:1-4. The record includes what Jesus did: died, buried, resurrected.

I. Galatians 2:20. When we are saved, His death is our death, and His life is our life.

VI. Conclusion: God will not just save everyone, even though Adam's sin might not be our fault. Why not? Because we too are sinners. Those who die will die for their own sins, not Adam's. We are sinners, and we must receive the Savior of sinners in order to be saved. Those who do not will end in destruction, experiencing the second death in the lake of fire. This is the fate for the wicked, yet some of God's people were at one time wicked. How can a sinner be saved? By faith in the record God gave of His Son! I pray that every listener to this program is a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and has received the salvation He offers.