

What about Other Religions?

All About Salvation – Part 3 (Romans 2:17-29)

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Acts 4:12 (NIV) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name [than Jesus] under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

1 Corinthians 10:20 (NIV) ... the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

1. A person is _____ saved by ...

1A. Giving themselves a _____

Romans 2:17 (NIV) Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and brag about your relationship to God;

1B. Knowing what is _____

Romans 2:18 (NIV) if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law;

1C. _____ others the law

Romans 2:19-20 (NIV) if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—

1D. Trying to _____ the law

Romans 2:21-23 (NIV) you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? ... You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?

1E. Practicing physical _____

Romans 2:25 (NIV) Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised.

1F. Being _____ into a certain group

Romans 2:28 (NIV) A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.

2. A person is _____ by ...

2A. An _____ transformation

Romans 2:29a (NIV) No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, ...

2B. The work of the _____

Romans 2:29 (NIV) No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.

2C. _____ in Jesus Christ

Romans 3:22 (NIV) This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

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Intro. In your experience, have you found that people believe that many religions lead to God? Why do you think people believe that?

What does the Bible teach about salvation (Acts 4:12)? Is the Bible's teaching intolerant?

If other religions aren't worshipping the God of the Bible, what are they worshipping (1 Corinthians 10:20)?

1A. How are people deceived that giving themselves a label saves them (Romans 2:17)?

Why is it important for you to get past the label and find out what a person really believes?

1B. In what ways does knowing and even teaching what is right give someone a false security concerning salvation (Romans 2:18-20)?

1D. How does Paul challenge those who know and teach what is right, concerning their spiritual condition (Romans 2:21-23)?

How could you challenge someone who thought they didn't need faith in Jesus Christ because they were a good person?

Who do people compare themselves to when they depend on outward things for salvation? Who should they compare themselves to?

1E. Why do you think that other religions put an emphasis on practicing physical rituals (Romans 2:25)?

Why is it that baptism, whether infant or adult, doesn't save you? Why do you think that so many people are confused about baptism? What is the purpose of baptism?

2A. How would you describe the circumcision of the heart to someone (Romans 2:29, Colossians 2:11)?

2B. Why is it so important to recognize that salvation is an inward work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts (Romans 2:29, John 3:5-8)?

2C. According to Romans 3:22, how would you explain salvation to an unbeliever?

What are some ideas you have about how you can talk to friends and relatives about their spiritual state?