

## TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

(John 6:60-69)

### Introduction:

1. It seems at times that our country is departing God as never before, but if we apply ourselves to a study of the Bible and secular history we will see that this is nothing new. It is heart breaking and brings with it anxiety, but at the end of the day the question our Lord asked His disciples is still pertinent, and Peter's answer the only option.
2. Let us consider the other possible answers to our Lord's question of John 6:67 and be assured that our answer is the correct one.

### Discussion:

- I. To those who do not believe in God (Rom. 1:20-28)?
  - A. To usurp God is to accept (go to) things that are verifiably untrue.
    1. Something can come from nothing-No it cannot, by definition.
    2. Life can come from non-life-Not if established science is true (Law of Biogenesis).
    3. Things evolved from the simple to the complex-Not if the Laws of Thermodynamics are true.
  - B. Atheist scientists now define themselves as "naturalists" and science as the study of the "natural", and yet they must throw out all the laws of science in order to begin their "natural" processes. As Dr. Jeff Miller said at Polishing The Pulpit 2016, "they engage in witchcraft, without the witch!"
  - C. Atheists are not people who do not believe in God, they are people who do not believe in the God of the Bible. Their God is nature, chance, life, the planet, etc (cp. Rom. 1:22-25).
  - D. And there are those who simply make up their own God (Rom. 1:23; 10:3; 1 Kings 11:12:33).
- II. To those who do not believe in all of God's word (Rom. 1:21; 10).
  - A. These are people who believe in the God of the Bible and in some of what He has revealed in the Bible. But all or none is God's teaching (Mk. 12:30; John 12:48; Matt. 7:21-23; Jas. 2:10ff).
  - B. Romans 10 is often used as a proof text for the false doctrine of salvation by "faith only" but the chapter proves just the opposite.
    1. The chapter begins with a description of people who accept God but not all of His instruction (Rom. 10:1-4).
    2. They hold up verse 9 as somehow proving the false doctrine yet it also mentions the necessity of confession for salvation (add v10). Note v10 says belief is unto righteousness and recall that Jesus was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15).
    3. Note that belief comes by hearing the word of God, thus is necessary for salvation (v17).
    4. Note that Israel had heard and believed but were not saved because they had not obeyed the gospel (v16; cp. 2 Thess. 1:8), thus obedience is also necessary for salvation.
    5. The only place in the Bible where "faith only" is found is Jas. 2:24 where we read that man is not justified by "faith only".
  - C. Mark 16:16 is even used to support this false teaching and yet what does the verse teach?
    1. It teaches that those who believe what Jesus has said about baptism (that is necessary for salvation) will be baptized and will be saved.
    2. But, those who do not believe that baptism is for the remission of sin (despite Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21; et al) will not be baptized for the remission of sin and thus shall be condemned.
- III. To those who believe but do not do?
  - A. James made it ever so clear in Jas. 1 (esp. vv 22-27).
  - B. Our Lord drove the point home (Matt. 7:21-27).

## **Conclusion:**

1. Brethren, let us run to Jesus via His word (Heb. 12:1-3). Let us be those who run to God for salvation with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and hear those wonderful words, “enter in good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:21).
2. Invitation.

## **MORE ON “TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?”**

1. The answer to this question runs throughout the Bible (Gen. 4:7; Jud. 2:10-15; 21:25; Isa. 31:1; 36-38; Amos 5:4-6; Deut. 4:23-31; Dan. 9:3-19ff; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 17:29-31; Is. 55:1-7 = Rev. 22:14-19).
2. The simple reality of this question/answer is evident to all who are willing to stop and consider.
  - A. To whom would you go for justice on this earth? A judge!
  - B. To whom would you go for help from the law? The police!
  - C. To whom would you go for help when your house is on fire? The fire department!
  - D. To whom would you go when you have a medical problem? A medical doctor!
  - E. To whom would you go when you need something notarized? A notary!
  - F. Then to whom will you go for salvation, the right to spend all eternity with God? To God!
  - G. How can we go to God? What is the only sure way to know God, know His commands/will, and know with certainty our future? By means of God’s word, the Bible!
3. Ho! Won’t you come? Why not be saved? Why not have your sins washed away? Why not live in His sheltering arms? Why not KNOW that you have eternal life? Why not relish and meditate day and night upon the reward laid up in heaven for you?
4. The only other possible answer is one of unbelief. How sad, sad the bitter wail, almost but lost.