

Are You Bad Enough...to Become a Christian?

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1. The Christian Gospel Is for Bad People

The Bible says “Christ died for the ungodly, Christ died for sinners, Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.” (Romans 5:6, 1 Timothy 1:15)

2. Some Men Think They Are So Good They Have No Need of Jesus Christ

“There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, and yet is not washed from its filthiness.” (Proverbs 30:12) People do not read the Bible, do not pray, never listen to the preaching of the gospel, never have time to hear about Jesus Christ. This is because they think they are so good, that they have no need of a Savior. Such people think that when they die they will be accepted in heaven. They are not worried about dying because it will lead them to a better place.

3. Such People Are Ignorant

I) They are ignorant of God, who is holy and just.

II) They are ignorant of the Bible which says that there is “none righteous, no not one.” (Romans 3:10)

III) They are ignorant of themselves; they do not know how they appear in the sight of God. Even the good deeds of men appear as “filthy rags” in God’s sight. (Isaiah 64:6)

4. Some Think They Are Too Bad to Become Christians

But it is only bad men whom Jesus saves. He never saves anyone so long as they think they are good. Christ’s power is great enough to deliver very wicked men from the power of sin. Christ’s blood is sufficient to atone for the sins of very wicked men and women. Christ’s mercy is so great that bad men and women, who truly cry for mercy from him, are never refused.

5. If You Know You Are Bad, Then

First Call upon God to have mercy upon you for the sake of Jesus Christ. (Luke 18:33)

Second Call upon God to save you from the power and guilt of your sins. (Acts 2:21)

Third Remember, it is those who are sick who need doctors, and those who are spiritually sick who need a Savior. (Matthew 9:12) Christ came to heal the spiritually sick.

Fourth Remember that because you are so bad you need a very powerful and very kind Savior. You need Jesus Christ desperately, because if He does not save you there is no one else who can. (Acts 4:12) You can never save yourself.

Fifth Hear what the Bible says: “*He is able to save to the uttermost those that come unto God by Him.*” (Hebrews 7:25)