

## IF ONE CAN BE SAVED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH THEN...

TEXT: 1 Tim. 3:14- 15 These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

### INTRODUCTION:

A. I hear a lot today about the church, good and bad.

B. Some attitudes people have:

1. One church is as good as another.
2. You can be saved outside the church.
3. Good people in all churches will be saved.
4. The church doesn't save, etc.

C. When I talk about the church I mean the local congregation not the church universal.

D. It is true that the church does not save you.

1. Acts 2:36-41, 47 Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

2. If you are saved you are in the New Testament church.

E. Before we start lets have a logic lesson.

1. The if - then argument.
2. This is based on logical consequences.
3. If I cut my finger, then I will bleed, feel pain etc.

### BODY: IF SAVE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH THEN..."

#### I. SAVED OUTSIDE THE BODY OF CHRIST.

A. Eph. 1:22-23 head of the church. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

B. Col. 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

C. Church and body are the same. If save out of the church then saved out of the body.

D. The head is attached to the body, so if you can be saved outside of the church you can be saved outside the body and thus with no attachments to Jesus Christ.

E. The conclusion is that you can be saved without Jesus

F. 1 Cor. 12:12-13 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

## II. SAVED OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OF GOD.

A. 1 Tim. 3:15 But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

B. House means family in KJV- Acts 16:30-33 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household. Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

C. If you can be saved outside the church you can be saved outside the house (family) of God.

D. But God does not have a son or daughter outside His family.

1. Heb. 3:6 But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

2. Eph. 3:14-15 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

E. If you can be saved outside the church you could be saved without being a part of the family of God.

F. If you are not a son of God you are a son of the devil- Jn. 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

G. If you can be saved outside the church you can be saved while being a child of the

devil.

### III. YOU CAN BE SAVED OUTSIDE THE FOLD OF GOD.

A. Jn. 10:1-16 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

B. If you can be saved without the church you can be saved outside the fold of God of which Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd.

### IV. SAVED OUTSIDE OF THE NARROW WAY.

A. Only two ways- Matt. 7:13-14 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

B. Which way is the church in? Broad or narrow? The church is the narrow way.

C. If you can be saved outside the church you can be saved in the broad way. But Jesus said this way leads to destruction.

### V. SAVED OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM.

A. Col. 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

B. Rev. 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

C. Church and the kingdom are the same thing- Matt. 16:18-19 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

D. If you can be saved outside the church you can be saved outside the kingdom of God.

E. I only know of two kingdoms, God's and Satan's. Therefore you can be saved in the kingdom if Satan.

## VI. SAVED WITHOUT BEING MARRIED TO JESUS.

A. Eph. 1:4 we are chosen. Eph. 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

B. Eph. 5:23-32 That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

C. 2 Cor. 11:2 2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

D. Rom. 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another-- to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

E. Therefore if you can be saved without the church you can be saved without being married to Christ.

## CONCLUSION:

A. Why so many names for the same group?

B. They are descriptive:

1. Church- God's people in relationship to world-- called out.
2. Body- God's people in relationship to organization.
3. Bride- Relationship to Christ.
4. Kingdom- to government.

C. It is utterly impossible for you to be save outside the church.

D. Because if you can you can be saved outside the church you can be saved outside:  
Review CHART.

1. The body of Christ.
2. The house (family) of God.
3. Fold of God.
4. The narrow way.
5. The kingdom.
6. Being married to Jesus Christ.