

# Why Doesn't God Just Give Everybody a Chance?

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## I. God gave one man a chance

### A. Adam blew his chance

Gen 3:6 ...and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

### B. Adam represented us all

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### C. Be careful in judging God, for judging you, according to what one man did

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

## II. What if God did give us the chance to save ourselves

### A. Adam started 'very good'—He blew his chance—We started as fallen sinners

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

### B. What if God gave us a chance to make the first move of our own will and ability

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Joh 10:24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

### III. God's plan does not leave it to chance—God's plan is foolproof

Mat 1:21 ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

2Ti 1:8 ...the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

### IV. What kind of chance does the majority of mankind have with any man-made plan?

A. The exception—Universalism—fantasy—denies scriptures—denies God, as Judge

B. The Moslem plan eliminates all Christians—They are infidels

C. The modern Baptist plan eliminates all Moslems—They are unbelievers

D. The Catholic plan eliminates the Baptists— 'Our priests get us in'

E. The modern Baptist plan eliminates the Catholics— 'Our confessions get us in'

F. The Church of Christ say only their baptism gets you in— (That keeps a lot out)

G. Some have only their 144,000 elite getting in (That sure keeps a lot out)

H. Every man-made plan eliminates and condemns more people than it saves

### V. From 100's of pages of revelation—Who can we guess didn't get in on God's plan?

#### A. Judas

Joh 13:10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

Joh 13:11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

Joh 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

#### B. Cain, Balaam and Core

Jud 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

##### 1. Cain

1Jn 3:12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

##### 2. Balaam

2Pe 2:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Num 31:16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

Num 25:9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

##### C. Core

Num 16:32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

Num 16:33 They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

Num 16:49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

#### C. Sodom and Gomorrah (yet listen to Jesus' words)

Jud 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha...giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Mat 10:15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

#### D. The rich man (yet listen to Jesus's lesson about a rich man He loved)

Luk 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

Luk 16:20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

Luk 16:21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luk 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

Luk 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luk 16:24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Mar 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Mar 10:22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Mar 10:23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Mar 10:24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

Mar 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mar 10:26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

Mar 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men *it is* impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

#### **E. Somebody might say, "How about Lot?"**

Gen 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot...

Gen 19:16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand...

Gen 19:33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

Gen 19:35 ...and the younger arose, and lay with him...

2Pe 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

#### **F. Somebody might say, "How about Ahab?"**

1Ki 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

1Ki 21:26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

1Ki 21:27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

1Ki 21:28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

1Ki 21:29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

#### **G. Somebody might say, "How about Manasseh?"**

2Ch 33:2 But did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

2Ch 33:6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

2Ch 33:9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

2Ch 33:11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

2Ch 33:12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

2Ch 33:13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

## H. Esau and Pharaoh

- Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)
- Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.
- Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.
- Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
- Rom 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
- Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.
- Rom 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

## VI. It is right for God to be God

### A. God is righteous in choosing

- Rom 9:18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.
- Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?
- Rom 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?
- Rom 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

### B. God is glorified in His vengeance on wickedness

- Rom 9:22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
- 2Th 1:6 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;
- 2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,
- 2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 2Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;
- 2Th 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe...

### C. God is glorified in His mercy on sinners

- Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,
- Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?
- Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
- Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

## VII. God's plan gets more in and leaves fewer out than any man-made plan

- A. God illustrated the futility of the '*give-them-a-chance*' plan in Adam
- B. God illustrated the futility of the '*give-them-another-chance*' plan in the law
- C. God disproved the '*give-them-a-chance-to-come-on-their-own*' plan in His word
- D. God had always known the '*give-them-a-chance*' plans would not work
- E. In God's wisdom, He had a plan to save people that man-made plans would eliminate
- F. God's plan was not to give '*a-chance-to-be-saved*', but to give '*grace*' that would save
- G. In God's love, He sent His Son to die for each one of a vast host of rebels
- H. In God's knowledge, He sends His Spirit to find each one of the vast host of rebels
- I. God's plan leaves less people out, than any '*give-them-a-chance*' plan
- J. God's plan saves more people, than any, and all, man-made plans
- K. From start to finish, salvation is "*to the praise of the glory of His grace*" (Eph 1:6)

