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Are All Saved?

In his book, *The Reason Why*, Robert Laidlaw states, “On the basis of the greatness of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice, some have suggested that if Christ died for all, we must all be saved. But God does not say so. He says **there is salvation for all, not that all are saved.** Here is an illustration. Unemployment is rife in one of our great cities with many in dire need. The municipal authorities provide free meals. You meet a poor fellow on the street who says he is starving. Naturally you ask if he does not believe the notices that are up all over the city, that there is enough food for all provided free. ‘Yes,’ he replies, ‘I believe that is true in a general sort of way, but I am still hungry.’ You tell him that he is likely to remain hungry in spite of the provisions **unless he eats personally of what is provided for all.** Just so, although the death of Christ provides salvation for whosoever will, **only those are saved who personally accept Christ** and believe that He died in their place. **I must take Christ as my Savior, or His death will avail me nothing** – just as a man could die of thirst beside a spring of water if he refused to make its life-giving stream his own by drinking of it for himself.”

Jesus Christ beckons to all, “If any man thirst, **let him come unto me**, and drink. **He that believeth on me**, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (innermost being) shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7:37-38). One of the very last verses in the Bible says, “And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come.** And let him that heareth say, **Come.** And let him that is athirst **come.** And **whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely**” (Rev. 22:17). Will you respond? **Will you receive Jesus into your heart as your Savior** and ask Him to forgive you of your sins? **Will you do it now?**