



Pastor's Comments

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Which Church Saves?

"Must we become Protestants in order to be saved? I am a Roman Catholic and my friend here is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, and you are a Protestant. Do you want us to turn Protestant?"

"I do not. Neither the Roman Catholic, the Greek Orthodox, nor the Protestant Church can in any way save your souls. You are saved **not by the church, but by a person – the Lord Jesus Christ**, God's only begotten Son. So you see that it would do no good for you to become Protestants, for there are millions of Protestants who are not saved, who have professed to embrace Christianity, but have never accepted the Christ of Christianity."

"Is that why we have not found peace? Is there no peace in Catholicism?"

"No, friend, and none in Protestantism either. Peace is only found in Jesus. **Religion cannot save, but Christ can.** I shall quote the Bible as proof: ***'Neither is there salvation in any other*** (Protestant or Catholic): ***for there is none other name*** (Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic or Protestant) ***under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved'*** (Acts 4:12). ***'Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He*** (not the Catholic priest, not the Protestant minister, but He – **Jesus Christ**) ***shall save his people from their sins'*** (Matt. 1:21)."

"What, then, must we do?"

"***'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,'*** for ***'as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God'*** (Acts 16:31 and John 1:12)."

"And will He receive us?"

"He says: ***'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out'*** (John 6:37). Why not accept Him, trust His atoning death; believe His promise and rely wholly on Him, for He will have mercy and abundantly pardon."

—Oswald J. Smith

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