



Whispering Hills  
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# Will Good People in All Churches Be Saved?

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HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE PHRASE:

"I'm a good person and I believe  
that I'm going to heaven"

"You don't have to go to  
church as long as you are a  
good person"



IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE?

Will people be saved just because they are good moral people?

Will God send people to hell (or fail to send them to hell) because they have, say for instance, suffered a physical hardship or sickness in this life?



# "Good People"

## ARE THEY SAVED?

- There are good people in all churches, that cannot be denied.
- There are good people that don't go to "church"
- But are they saved?
  - We encourage people to search the scriptures (Acts 17:11)
  - Study the word of truth (II Tim 2:15) to determine the truth



# Free Will

## HAS CONSEQUENCES

A person can

- believe any doctrine they choose
- become a member of any church
- worship God how they please

But can one please God In doing so?

- II John 9
- John 8:32
  
- God gives us the right to choose and believe as we please (Joshua 24:15) but we will also be judged by his word (John 12:48).
  
- We can choose to serve God or we can choose not to serve him. The choice Is our, but so are the consequences.





# God Is Not Pleased

- Religions of human origin (Matt 15:13)
- The preaching of many faiths
  - There is only ONE gospel that pleases him (Gal 1:7-9, Eph 4:5)
- Worship patterned after the traditions of men (Matt 15:9)







# We Have All Sinned

**All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23)**

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us (I John 1:8)**

**Man cannot save himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps (Jer 10:23)**

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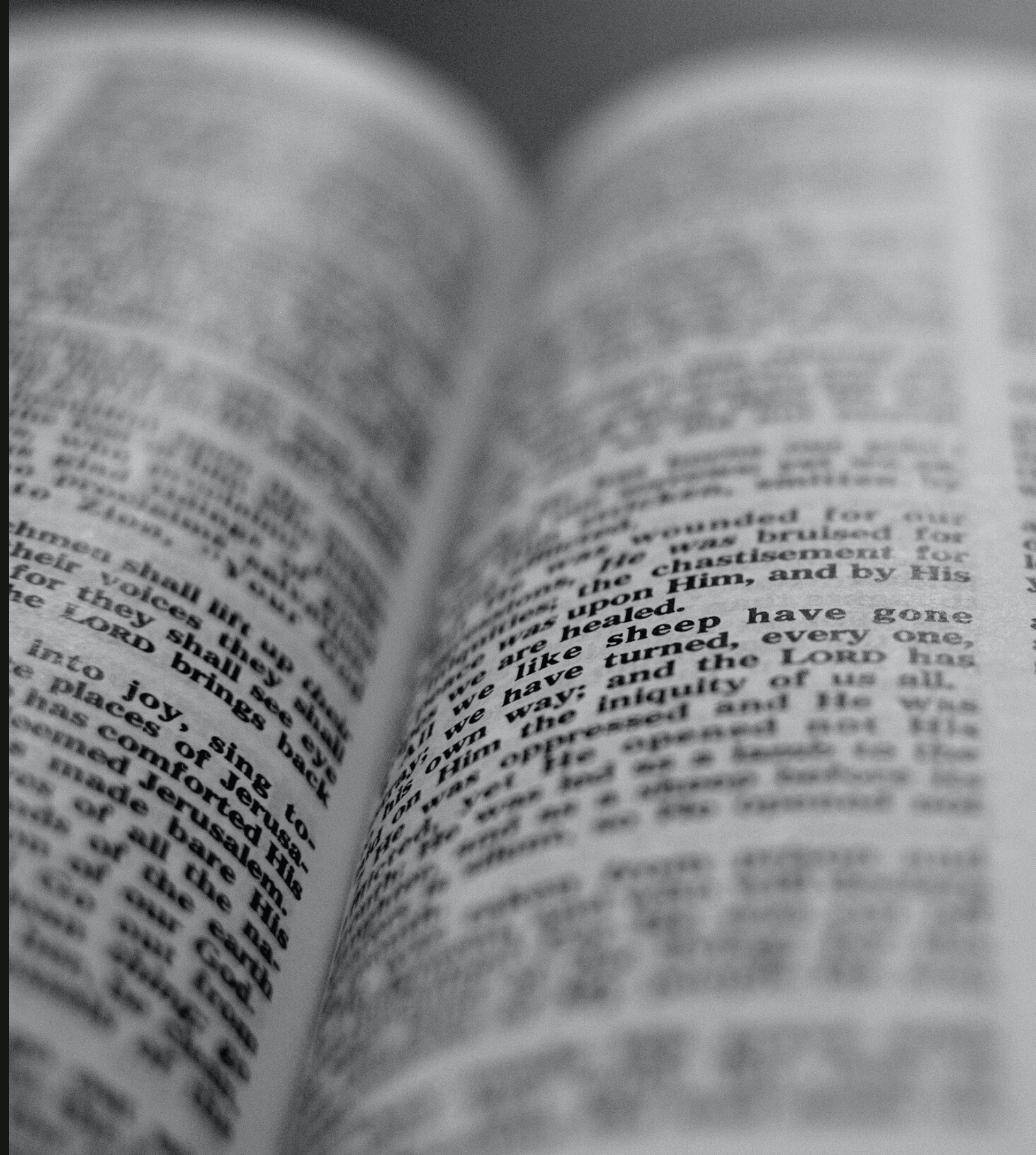
# Today, God speaks to us through his Son

## HEB 1:1-3

Not only are we to hear him (Matt 17:5 to be saved, we are to obey his commands. The Hebrew writer wrote,

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him"  
(Heb. 5: 8-9).

It's a value to know what the word of God says and OBEY It!





# The Importance of the Gospel

## **Jesus stated to the Apostles:**

"These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written In the Law of Moses, and the prophets, and In the Psalms, concerning Me" (Luke 24:44)

## **Jesus then proceeded to give them the commission:**

- Mark 16:15-16
- Luke 24:47
- Matt 28:18-20

## **Following this, the Gospel was preached for the first time, beginning In the city of Jerusalem, then spread abroad:**

"In all Judea and In Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

## **Think:**

**Why would Jesus go through all of this (suffering, agony, death) just for us to say:**

"No thanks, I'm good."





# Good Is Not Enough

- God reveals how we can be saved, by obeying his word; to fail to do so we will be lost. The law of Christ, His word (**John 12:48**) will be the jury as we stand before the judgement to receive the things done in the body (**II Cor. 5:10**).
- To be good is not enough, to be a good moral person is not enough.
  - In book of **Acts 10**, The scriptures speaks of a man named Cornelius. By all accounts was a "good man". A centurion (captain) of an Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God. But he was not saved.
  - In vs **47-48** says "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."



## PLAN OF SALVATION

To be self-satisfied is not enough, but what does matter is one's obedience to the law of Christ-the Gospel. God created man a free moral agent, giving him the right or freedom to choose. We can choose to believe as we please, worship God as we please and work without law. If we do, then we must suffer the consequence of our choice. God will not force us to obey Him.

- Hear the Word - Rom. 10:17
- Believe the Word - Jn. 8:24
- Repent of sins - Acts 2:38
- Confess Christ - Mat. 10:32
- Be Baptized. - Mark 16:16