

THREE RELIGIOUS LIES

Here are the three most commonly told lies in this world. Unfortunately, they are heard in the majority of churches and most people have heard them for so long that they think them to be the truth.

1. "GOD LOVES EVERYBODY." Who said so? Certainly not God. David wrote the Lord "hateth the workers of iniquity" (Psalms 5:5). God declared, "Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated" (Romans 9:13). Most preachers preach the love of God as nothing more than a helpless, sentimental passion. Did God love the millions He washed away with a flood in Noah's day? Did God love the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah which were destroyed by fire and brimstone? Does God love all those in hell today who are suffering His wrath? Now to be sure, God does love some people, His elect, those He chose unto salvation before the foundation of the world (II Thes. 2:13). These He loves in Christ with an everlasting love. God loves every sinner for whom His Son died, who come to trust Christ, with a love that will result in their eternal salvation. God doesn't love in word only, but in word and deed and He will save every sinner that is the object of His love.

2. "CHRIST DIED FOR EVERYBODY." Again I ask, "Who said so?" You will not find that heresy in God's Word. Hear our Savior's words. "I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:15). To say that, Christ died for everybody when obviously everybody is not saved, is to say that His death was merely an effort to save and that, so far as those who perish are concerned, His death was in vain and therefore a failure. Christ died a successful death and all for whom He died shall receive the salvation purchased for them at Calvary. If some for whom Christ died were going to perish, how could it ever be said, "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied" (Isa. 53:11). He could not be satisfied if He foresaw that some for whom He suffered, bled and died were going to perish in their sins! Christ actually redeemed, reconciled, and saved every sinner for whom He tasted death. This was His purpose for coming into the world (see Matthew 1:21). His death shall never be discovered to have been a wasted effort.

3. "GOD IS TRYING TO SAVE EVERYBODY." You know that cannot be true for everybody is not saved. Stop and think. Do you really think God Almighty could purpose to do something and fail in doing it? And, where in God's Word do you read of the Lord of Glory ever trying to do anything? The Bible says, "Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places" (Psalm 135:6). God will save every sinner for whom Christ died, who were chosen in the Covenant of grace. Be like the Bereans concerning these things. When Paul preached they "Searched the Scriptures daily to see if these things be so" (Acts 17:11).

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