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**The Cost of Being A Believer**

**Matthew 7:21-23**

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

**Four Questions:**

1. Do all good people go to Heaven when they die?
2. Can a person simply *believe* in Jesus & God and go to Heaven?
3. Can a person simply pray a prayer or repeat after a pastor and truly be saved?
4. Can a person *believe, confess, and walk away or ignore God*, yet be received into Heaven someday?

**How can one truly be saved?**

1. Salvation Comes from a Convicted Heart
2. Salvation Comes from God Calling One to Him
3. Salvation Comes from a Genuine Faith in Christ Alone
4. Salvation Naturally Results in a:
  - a. New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - b. Changed Life (Ephesians 4:17-24)
  - c. Choosing Christ (Luke 14:26)
  - d. Discipleship (Luke 14:27)