"ALL - FEW - DO"

The above title is presented because it represents **Grace**. Grace has come to <u>all</u> men, yet only <u>few</u> will be saved, because only a few will <u>do</u> the "will of the Father. We all need to be mindful of this principle because it should be typical of our life.

According to <u>Tit. 2:11</u>, "For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men." In this passage we have noted, salvation has come to all men. The thought of "limited atonement" is not considered in this passage. Jesus died for all men and not just for the "elect." In I Jno. 2:2 it is stated, "and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world." I also remember Rom. 5:18, "..... even so through one act of righteousness the free gift came unto all men to justification of life." So, my point is, Salvation has been extended to all men! Since salvation has been extended to "all men," one would think then – "universal salvation?" NO!

According to <u>Matt. 7:13-14,</u> "Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it." As we consider this thought it is easy to think. "That is the way it has always been with God." It only took eight souls to fill the Ark, I Pet. 3:20; and when Lot and his family fled from Sodom and Gomorrah, as it was being destroyed, there were only three that made it out safely, Gen. 19:1-38. When, in this text we note "only a few will be saved," this is in keeping with God's people – they have always been in the minority! ONLY A FEW WILL BE SAVED. Now, we need to ask ourselves, why is it that only a few will be saved?

According to <u>Matt. 7:21</u>, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father** who is in heaven." Now we observe, only those that "**do the will of my Father**," will enter the kingdom. This is in keeping with the teaching of the New Testament. The people on the day of Pentecost asked, "Brethren, what shall we **do**?" Acts 2:37. The Lord told Saul, "but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou **must do**," Acts 9:6. Again in Acts 16:30, "Sirs, what **must I do** to be saved? This establishes the fact that only "**few**" will be saved," because only a "**few**" will "**do**" the will of the Father.

All, Few, Do are words that give meaning to those who will be saved. God's message comes to all men; but, only a few will be saved; because only a few will obey (do) the will of the Father. I have to look at this and made a personal application to my life and ask: "Am I a part of the all?" "Am I a part of the few?" And most important, "Am I of those who do the will of the Father? Does this not negate the thought expressed: "You do not have to do anything to be saved?"

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