

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Question:** What do you say when someone asks, "**Do you think that members of the church of Christ are the only ones going to heaven?**"

**Answer:** This question is often asked by those who have heard this about the church. Obviously, those asking this question are thinking in "denominational" terms and with that mindset or understanding, this idea just doesn't make any sense at all. Thus, they may see us as being arrogant and narrow-minded. We want to avoid any hint at having an arrogant spirit. As far as the "narrow-minded" part, we only seek to be as "narrow-minded" as Christ.

**Humans have not been put in the place of "Judge." Neither we nor the one who asks this question have the right to put ourselves in the place of God so as to say who is and who is not going to heaven.** We must believe and teach what God has said pertaining to the matter. Could there be a difference between what God says (about who will be saved) and what the majority of men say? Well, of course!

The responsibility Jesus has given you and me is that of a messenger. Our duty' is simply to "speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). Rather than argue, we want to discuss what God has revealed from heaven about salvation and how to be forgiven of sins, how to be reconciled to God, how to live a Christian life, and how to live and die in hope of heaven.

The church is the body of Christ; it is the family of God. Someone may say, "**The church doesn't save you,**" and that's right; but **God through Christ is the Savior of the church, and only those who have had their sins washed in Christ's blood and are in the family of God are saved and have the hope of life eternal** (Ephesians 5:23). (Emphasis Supplied)

••• —Tim Childs *W.O.T.*

Sixth Avenue church of Christ T501 Sixth Avenue **Jasper, AL 35501**