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THE SURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison

“TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?”

Jesus taught some things that were difficult for others to accept. After one such instance the Bible tells us, “From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.” That is when Jesus turned to His twelve chosen apostles and asked them, “Do you also want to go away?” Peter responded to the Lord’s question saying, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also, we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (John 6:66-69).

To whom shall we go regarding salvation from sin? If you go to denominational preachers many will tell you to “accept Jesus as your personal Savior and pray the sinner’s prayer and you will be saved.” But Jesus, who has the words of eternal life says, “Except **you repent**, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). Jesus further says, “Whoever **confesses Me** before men, Him will I confess before My Father in heaven” (Matthew 10:32). And Jesus says, “He who **believes** and **is baptized** will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:16). To whom will you go? Jesus has the words of eternal life.

To whom shall we go regarding the church? Men will tell you “One church is good as another” and you should “join the church of your choice.” Yet, Jesus, who has the words of eternal life promised, “...upon this rock I will build **My church** and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). This church is not a conglomerate of religious denominations but the one spiritual body of Christ which He purchased with His own blood and to which the saved are added (Acts 2:47; 20:28). Ephesians 1:22-23 reads, “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to **the church, which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” To whom will you go? Jesus has the words of eternal life.

To whom shall we go regarding worship? Is just anything acceptable as worship? Is dancing, drama, the blessing of animals, choirs, soloists and elaborate musical presentations acceptable to God as worship? Jesus, who has the words of eternal life said, “God is Spirit, and those who worship **Him must worship in spirit and truth**” (John 4:24). To please God our worship must be offered with the right attitude and the right action. God authorizes us to sing, pray, give, teach, and partake of the Lord’s Supper. To whom will you go? Jesus has the words of eternal life! greenplaincoc@gmail.com. Visit gbntv.org.