

Does the God of the Bible have a plan to save all human beings or just a few?

This is a very challenging question, mainly because God, and God alone, knows all His eternal purposes. God reveals only certain things which are good for His human creation to comprehend. This question basically asks if God has made it clear in Scripture the number of souls whom He will save and spend all eternity.

Let us divide the question into two parts to be able to attempt the utmost clarity:

1. Does the God of the Bible have a plan to save all human beings? NO!
2. Will just a few be saved? YES, but out of all of humanity, the few who are saved actually represent a great number and listed as “beyond number” to show the depth and breadth of Christ-followers in heaven.

Our Answer will have two separate parts:

Part - 1

NO! In the Bible there is no such plan of universal salvation for all people. The Bible contains many references to eternal places called Heaven and Hell. Heaven refers to being in God’s presence for all eternity in perfect joy. Hell is declared to be the eternal place prepared by Jesus to forever hold the fallen, rebellious angels and many people who will spend forever in pain and separation from God.

- Matthew 25:40 [speaking to people] “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.**”
- Matthew 20:15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. **For many are called, but few chosen.**”
- Matthew 22:13- 14 Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ **“For many are called, but few are chosen.”**

Part - 2

YES and NO. Yes, a great number **will, indeed, be saved.** No, because that number only represents a relative few people out of all humanity ever born.

Jesus declared many will be lost and few will be saved.

The single most important truth, because it eternally sealed upon your death, is **your own individual salvation**, not the salvation of the masses!

Jesus is **concerned about individuals.** He is vitally concerned about **your** individual

eternal destiny. This truth is the reason He warns and invites every person. Jesus warns every person explaining the horror and tragedy of hell and forever separation from God the Father. At the same time, Jesus invites **whoever** will believe in Him and come to go with Him to heaven. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that the “door unto salvation” is open TODAY for you, if you will enter it.

- Matthew 11:28 [Jesus said] “**Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

How do you know Jesus will accept you? He simply declares: “**Whoever** will may come.” This is a superlative word which has no boundaries and includes all people of all generations and all people.

Jesus said we could come with Him to heaven. In fact, He said that **whoever desires can COME! . . . and that includes you. Do you want to go with Jesus?**

- Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “**Come!**” And let him who hears say, “**Come!**” And let him who thirsts come. **Whoever** desires, let him take the water of life freely.
- Matthew 10:32 [Jesus said] “Therefore **whoever** confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.
- John 11:26 [Jesus said] And **whoever** lives and believes in Me shall never die. **Do you believe this?**”
- Acts 10:43 “To Him [Jesus] all the prophets witness that, through His name, **whoever** believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”
- Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, “**Whoever** believes on Him will not be put to shame.”
- 1 John 4:15 **Whoever** confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.
- John 6:37-40 [Jesus said] “**All that the Father gives Me will come to Me**, and the one who comes to Me **I will by no means cast out**. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that **everyone** who **sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life**; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

To those who reject Jesus’ invitation to follow Him and go to heaven with Him upon death, the following warnings apply:

- Matthew 7:13-14 “**Enter by the narrow gate**; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the

gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few** who find it.

- John 12:48 **He who rejects Me**, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the **word that I have spoken will judge him** in the last day.
- Matthew 22:13 Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and **cast** him into outer **darkness**; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
- Matthew 25:30 And **cast** the unprofitable servant into the outer **darkness**. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
- Luke 4:28, 29 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him [Jesus] out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that **they might throw Him down over the cliff**.
- Matthew 8:34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him **to depart from their region**.
- John 1:11 He [Jesus] came to His own, and His **own did not receive Him**.
- Mark 6:3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So **they were offended at Him**.
- 2 Peter 2:4-9 For if God **did not spare the angels who sinned**, but **cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness**, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)— then **the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations** and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.

This same Jesus, who warned of the terrible, tragic end to those who reject Him, also declared the number with Him in heaven would be without number.

- Revelation 5:8-10 . . . And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood. Out of **every tribe and tongue and people and nation**, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Jesus Christ invites you, individually, to go to heaven with Him. **Will you come?**

It is all about Jesus!