

"ARE THEY FEW THAT ARE SAVED"?

INTRODUCTION: Many questions are asked of Jesus. Often He answered them in such a way that it caused people to question their own hearts. In one way or another this question is asked by all people who study the Bible. Our purpose this evening is to examine a question that was asked of Him in Luke **13:22-27** (ASV)

I. WHY ARE FEW SAVED AND MANY LOST?

A. Not because God desires it - **2 Pet 3:9**.

B. Not because of anything Christ did.

1. He died for all - **2 Cor 5:14**.

2. He invites all - **Matt 11:28-30**.

C. Not because of any lack in the Gospel - **Rom 1:16**.

D. People halt the progress of the gospel in their hearts - **Matt 13:13-16**.

II. CHRIST REVISED THE QUESTION BY THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ANSWERED IT

A. Emphasis of the question was "THEY"

B. Jesus answered the question to emphasize "YOU".

C. The difference between "THEY" and "YOU".

D. The problem lies in the term of "INIQUITY".

III. SIN IS THE GREAT CAUSE THAT HINDERS SALVATION

A. Sin:

1. Is lawlessness - **1 John 3:4**.

2. Separates - **Isa 59:1,2**.

3. All have sinned - **Rom 3:23**.

4. End result is death - **Rom 6:23**.

B. Some try to rationalize sin by saying it makes them happy.

CONCLUSION: Man needs to have the chains broken that binds the body of sin to us - **Rom 6:17,18**. So the revised question before us is a personal one. ARE YOU SAVED?

Even more personal - AM I SAVED?!