

# **WILL HONESTY SAVE?**

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. It isn't uncommon to hear men being eulogized at funerals with such words as: "He was as honest as the day is long."
2. Often times such honesty and sincerity which characterized the deceased is cited or suggested as evidence of or sufficient proof of one's being saved and prepared for heaven itself.
3. Question: Is honesty necessary in order to be saved? The obvious answer is "Yes".
4. Question: Will honesty and sincerity alone save? The scriptures, both O.T. and N.T., answer that question in the negative.
5. Study the following Bible examples for proof of this.

### **II. DISCUSSION**

#### **A. HONESTY DIDN'T SAVE SAUL OF TARSUS, NOR THE JEWS, HIS BRETHREN IN THE FLESH.**

1. Saul of Tarsus, Ac.7:54-8:3; 9:1-6; 26:9-11; 23:1; 24:16; 1Tim.1:12-15.
2. The Jews, Saul's brethren in the flesh who ignorantly believed in God, Rom.10:1-3; Cf. 9:1-5.

#### **B. HONESTY DIDN'T SAVE THE 450 PROPHETS OF BAAL, 1Kgs.18:17-40.**

#### **C. HONESTY AND SINCERITY DIDN'T SAVE UZZAH, 2Sam.6:6,7; 1Chr.13:9,10; Cf. Num.4:15.**

#### **D. HONESTY DID NOT SAVE THE CRUCIFIERS OF JESUS, Ac.3:12-19; Cf. Ac.2:22,23,37,38.**

#### **E. HONESTY AND RELIGIOUS SINCERITY DID NOT SAVE CORNELIUS, THE ROMAN CENTURIAN, Ac.10:1-6; 11:12-14; 10:25-35, 44-48.**

### III. CONCLUSION

1. In view of all these examples,  
plus what Jesus said in Mt.7:21,  
plus what Heb.5:8,9 says,  
plus what 2Th.1:6-10 says,  
on what basis can anyone claim honesty and sincerity will save anyone now?
2. What, then, will save all men? Mk.16:15,16; Rom.1:14-17; Ac.2:36-41; Jas.1:21-25; 1Pet.1:22-25.