

## Readers' Forum #20

### Are Only Christians saved?

That is a good question many have asked. We must look at it from a 360° perspective to include all of humanity, now 6,000 years old, as the Gospel of the Saints revelation came a little later in the process of my research.

Let's look at Matthew 22 where Jesus tells a story of a wedding. A king invites his friends to a special wedding but most have an excuse saying, "I am too busy, business priorities, family problems or have no time." The king kept sending more invitations by a number of special messengers who were mostly ignored and sometimes killed upon arrival. That caused the king to be angry, and he sent his army destroying many cities, which also caused a famine to wake them up. He still wished them to come to the party prepared for them with a special wedding to honor the king.

Not seeing too many gathered, the king tells his servants go out in the byways and invite all good or bad. Now the room is filled with good and bad people, but the king sees a dirty man not cleaned up, dressed with a soiled shirt. Then, we read about the consequences. When confronted, the offender is speechless and cannot answer, "Why you are so dirty?" So the soldiers are commanded to take him out "bound on hand and foot" to be sent into the loneliest place of outer darkness.

**The story ends with a statement: Many are called but few are chosen.**

The king's friends are the children of Israel, who got the first invitation call for a special wedding. But as we look back in history of Israel, they rebelled, and did not listen to the prophets God sent. Then, God invites everybody, not Jewish people only, to come to the wedding of the king. The good and bad are allowed in. Notice the bad are present, too. But there is a difference between bad and dirty - not having a wedding dress or clean shirt. The many are called, but few are chosen. The "few" are really bad; therefore, he got the attention of the king and was sent away to be punished.

That story tells of God's infinite grace, that even the bad are allowed at the wedding to enjoy some free food not deserved.

Throughout the centuries, every person has been inoculated with a good dose of evil, which during the butterfly time of our existence was meant to teach us to recognize evil and its consequences. We are supposed to learn how to reject it. God designed a system for the age to come where evil is snuffed out in the bud, never to germinate again to destroy the peaceful human community happily living together under God's rule.

That process involves everybody in guarding over the quality of the new life lived on the other side - the heavenly realm on earth, so that the king never sees a rebellion again, like Satan and his bunch perpetrated in the beginning.

But some come to the party to get free food with their dirty clothes on, not respecting the King and only wanting to crash the festivity. Their old life style only caused disturbance and division, ignoring and disrespecting the King. In defiance, the dirty clothed challenge and despise God's grace insisting that they earned the right to be at the party. They think that God owes them the goodies of life regardless of whether they conform to the king's standards of how to live a good life.

It is obvious to those enjoying the party that truly evil people were not invited. Allowing these defiantly bad people to stay would only crash the party at the next opportunity. They might get by the soldiers at the gate, but they cannot fool the king, who binds them hand and foot and sends them to outer darkness and forgotten.

Therefore, at the party you will meet someone who is a Saint. These folks are a little different, though mingled in with those who were bad but forgiven by a gracious King and so permitted to attend the party. If you want to become a Saint and be a very closed friend to the King, then check further in Babushka books or read the very first three words of Genesis and the very last two words of Revelation, which tells you God's Plan for Humanity in just five words.

At the party, many Christians will be very surprised to find themselves sitting next to a bad person, who was invited, too. Many will learn then that they were not even promoted to be a Saint. I am sure they will be very disappointed.

The privilege of being a Saint requires that you became intimately involved with the inner circle of the king. It means fulfilling the special

prerequisites you can discover from reading my Babushka books not preached in church. Becoming a Saint is not automatic. It does not come from going to church, being nice to people or just plain being good. You may not be invited, lamenting later that you preached in God's name, sung songs in church and in public prayed lofty prayers. Instead, you may hear, "Away I do not know you."

Just being born during an age of God's full revelation does not qualify one automatically for special privileges over those who lived in ancient times or never heard the Gospel. Remember, God will reward the good you have done, but you could also sit next to a bad person invited by the king because both good and bad are under God's undivided grace of blessings.

But being a Saint is another matter. God only appoints those qualified to be Saints to positions of responsibility in ruling the universe as a member of His government. Being invited or saved does not automatically qualify a person to be a Saint. Even a pastor or bishop may not qualify, as they are often already rewarded with high salaries and benefits on earth and may not have met the qualifications to be a Saint.

Do not be surprised at this statement not preached in church. It is resented by many theologians who think that they are special and earned the right to be at God's table. Big mistake, as they will find out later. Becoming a Saint cost something now. It is not free. You must asked and show the king why you want to become a Saint beyond just attending the party with the others, who are saved both good and the bad.

Check it out in Babushka books and discover something theologians do not want you to hear about.