

# syncretism

Reconciliation or fusion of differing systems of belief, as in philosophy or religion.

*[American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language]*

*Syncretism* involves the merging or assimilation of several originally discrete traditions, especially in...religion, thus asserting an underlying unity and allowing for an inclusive approach to other faiths.

*[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syncretism>]*

Salvation In

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# Common Misconceptions

- **“I Am A Good Person”**
  - Often, A Response to Discussion of the Judgment
  - The Truth: No One is ‘Good’

**Romans 3:10, 12, 23**



# Common Misconceptions

- **“I Feel I Am Saved”**
  - Often, A Response to Questions About One’s Salvation
  - The Truth: Feelings Can Deceive Us

**Genesis 37:31-35; 45:26-28; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 3:13; 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1**



# Common Misconceptions

- **“This Many People Can’t Be Wrong”**
  - **Often, A Response to Hearing of Only One Church/Plan**
  - **The Truth: The Majority Will Not Be Saved**

**Matthew 7:13, 14; 22:14; Luke 13:23, 24**



# Common Misconceptions

- **“We Are Saved by Faith ONLY”**
  - **A Core Belief of Calvinism**
  - **The Truth: Faith That Does Nothing Cannot Save**

**James 2:19, 20; Luke 4:41; John 12:42**



# Common Misconceptions

- **“There Are Many Ways to Heaven”**
  - **A Majority View of Those Professing to be Christians**
  - **The Truth: Salvation is ONLY Through Christ**

**John 14:6; Acts 4:10-12**



# Salvation, in Reality

- **Not All Will Be Saved**

- **God Certainly Desires Our Salvation**

1<sup>st</sup> John 4:8; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9

- **But Some Will Reject His Offer & His Plan**

Romans 3:10, 12, 23

- **Few!**

Matthew 7:14; Luke 13:23, 24





# Salvation, in Reality

- God Has One Plan

- His Plan Was Established Before Time

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:9; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:20

- It Was Hidden, Then Revealed

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:9, 10; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:20, 21; Titus 1:3

- When Preached, We Must Hear and Believe

Mark 16:15, 16; Romans 10:13-17; 1:16



# Salvation, in Reality

- **Man Has A Part & God Has A Part**

- **Man's Part: Obedience**

Hebrews 5:9; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:8

- **God's Part: Forgiveness & Justification**

Acts 2:38; Colossians 2:12, 13; Romans 3:24

- **There is No 'Only'**

Titus 3:5-7; Eph. 1:7; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 1:9, 10; Rom. 10:17;  
Mark 16:16; Acts 17:30; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 3:21; Heb. 10:35-39

