

**POPULATION AND ETERNITY**

Matthew 7:13-14

## Introduction

- A. "Few" – Strong's #3641 ὀλίγος [*oligos* /ol-ee-gos/] Adjective; "1 little, small, few. 1A of number: multitude, quantity, or size. 1B of time: short. 1C of degree or intensity: light, slight."
- B. Passages: MT 9:37; 20:16; 22:14; 25:21, 23; RE 2:14, 20; 3:4.
- C. What have we heard from the non-religious world and the religious world?
- D. "You are narrow minded!"
- E. Population of our world is close to 7 Billion.

## DISCUSSION

- I. THE NON-RELIGIOUS WORLD AND THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.
  - A. Atheists, Agnostics, Hindus, Buddhists, Etc. make up about 45% of our world. 3,150,000,000.
  - B. The Muslims and the Jews make up about 20% of our world. 1,515,000,000 Muslims and 15,000,000 Jews.
  - C. The Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons make up another 3% of our world. 7,300,000 Jehovah Witnesses and 8,000,000 Mormons.
  - D. The Catholics make up about 15% of our world. 1,122,000,000.
  - E. The Protestants make up about 15% of our world. 1,100,000,000.
  - F. The churches of Christ make up about 4% of our world. 2,800,000.
- II. SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE GROUPS.
  - A. Is it your belief that one must believe in God the Father in order to go to Heaven? HE 11:6.
  - B. Is it your belief that one must believe that Jesus was man's only Savior in order to be received by the Father in Heaven? JN 14:6; 8:24; Acts 4:12.
  - C. Is it your belief that one must believe that Jesus was deity – God in the flesh – to go to Heaven? JN 1:1, 14.
  - D. Is it your belief that it is sinful to call a man "Holy Father" and recognize him as the "Head" of the church? MT 23:9; EP 5:23.
  - E. Let me ask YOU this question: Is it Biblical – even logical – to believe and teach that people who disregard who Jesus is, are not going to Heaven, but people who disregard what Jesus said are going to Heaven? LK 6:46; MT 7:21-23.
  - F. Is it your belief that one must be baptized to be saved? 1 PE 3:21; MK 16:15-16; Acts 22:16. "I don't believe that!"
  - G. Now here's the fundamental difference between the Lord's church – the church of Christ – and the religious world.
    - 1. Look at all these passages.
    - 2. "I believe and teach ALL that is said by and about the Lord and His will, but the religious world does not!
  - H. Questions:
    - 1. Do you think Jesus, the apostles and the Christians in the Bible believe that they were the only ones going to Heaven?
    - 2. Do you suppose they thought, "That everybody who didn't believe and practice their convictions" were going to Hell?
    - 3. The following passages tell us they did! JN 8:24; RO 10:1-4; GA 1:6-9; Acts 17:23-31.
    - 4. Is that too narrow for you?

## CONCLUSION

- A. MT 7:21 – "but he that doeth" – these are the one's going to Heaven and YES, they are few in number – MT 7:13-14; LK 13:23-24.
- B. Is YOUR faith and practice the "will of the Father?" Are YOU sure? Acts 17:11.