

Biblical Life vs. Death Illustrated

“Why do you say ‘Lord, Lord,’ but don’t do what I say...”
Luke 6:46

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven,
but only he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven.”
Matthew 7:21

There is a culture that belongs to Heaven and a culture that belongs to Hell. The Bible sums these up as “life” and “death.” The Bible also describes the “saved” and “unsaved” through the lens of “life” or “death.”

We must be careful that we do not create an alternative to Scripture, and yet, we so often do. The middle circle in the illustration below identifies some typical ways we describe salvation. Instead of the biblical definition of life, we cling to the claims in the circle, even if our lifestyles are more characteristic of death than of life. However, the Bible does not have an option where we can be saved and live like the unsaved.

We can believe or not believe what the Bible says, but we don’t get to *redefine* it! We either belong to life or we belong to death, evidenced by the trajectory and fruit of our lives. The clear truth in Scripture is that the saved are being sanctified through faith and obedience to Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit. So, we are not “sinless,” but we must continue to sin *less*. *Romans 6-8; 1 John 2-3*

