

You & Household will be saved

Question:

The word said: "**Believe in Lord Jesus Christ, you and all your household shall be saved**".

Do you believe if someone in your family does not believe in God, and you stand on this scripture, one day if they were deceased, where will they spend their eternity, does this word of promise still stand?

Acts 16:31 also Acts 11:14

Answer

The promises of God always stand and are true.

The problem is in taking them out of context and misinterpreting them, thus giving us false expectations.

The settings applicable in Scriptures are found in the book of Acts in two places.

'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, who will tell you words by which **you and all your household will be saved.**' Acts 11:13-14 NKJV

This text comes from the story of Peter being sent to the house of Cornelius by the Holy Spirit and his report back to the Apostles in Jerusalem including their conclusion after the report.

The entire context is Acts 10:1 through Acts 11:18

The impact of the story is that All who heard believed, were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and then baptized in water. So **all in his household were believers** and the promise applied as stated.

The second occasion is found in Acts 16:31

So they said, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.**" Acts 16:31 NKJV

This text is taken from the story in Acts 16:11-40 of Paul at Philippi in prison where the Jailor is saved.

The impact of the story is that the conversion included the jailor and all his household and family. Therefore the promise is applicable since **they were all believers.**

Therefore we conclude that the promise is to believers and not to unbelievers and as such it is completely in accord with Mark 16:16

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16 NKJV

So the answer to your question, **NO!** The promise does not apply to anyone who is an unbeliever.

When the unbeliever dies his destiny is Hell because he does not believe as confirmed in John: 3:18

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John: 3:18 NKJV

All Scriptures are true but we must be careful not to misapply them and thereby end up with false expectations.

Always remember the warning Scriptures:

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Galatians 3:22 NKJV

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13 NKJV

It is vitally important to become a believer if one is to expect to be saved and to enter into the Kingdom of God and of Christ.

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! Luke 12:4-5 NKJV

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:31 NKJV