

Dear Brother Faull,

I do not understand why so many people do not come to Christ and be saved...Do you?

ANSWER:

Yes, I do, because I have been informed in Scriptures why men reject God and His Son Jesus and the truth.

1. **They do not like to retain God in their knowledge and God has given them over to a reprobate mind.**

Romans 1:28, "And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;"

2. **They do not want to change their lifestyle and so they hate the light.**

John 3:19-21, "19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

3. **They do not understand because they are like their father, the devil.**

John 8:43-44, "43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

4. **They do not love truth**

II Thessalonians 2:10, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because **they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved."

5. **They have been deluded because they love unrighteousness.**

II Thessalonians 2:11-12, "11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but **had pleasure in unrighteousness.**"

6. **They will not repent.**

Matthew 21:32, "For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: **and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward**, that ye might believe him."

7. **They love the praises of men more than the approval of God.**

John 12:42-43, "42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 For **they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**"

These are just a few verses that come to my mind, but there are many more. Remember that if a man does not believe, he cannot be saved. One does not have to do anything to be lost. It is not necessary to burn churches, destroy Bibles, kill missionaries, curse God, or blaspheme Christ. In fact, you do not have to do anything to be lost. He that believeth **not** is condemned already.

Men are lost because they feel no need, the cost is too great, and they have no confidence in the one who offers. That is why you do not buy the insurance policy, the house, or the car. No need of a Saviour. The cost of following Jesus is too high and they have no confidence in Christ. We must establish the need of Christ, show that they cannot afford to not follow Christ, and not interfere with people's confidence in the Saviour by our own behavior.