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Why are Christians so mean



HAS GOD FAILED?

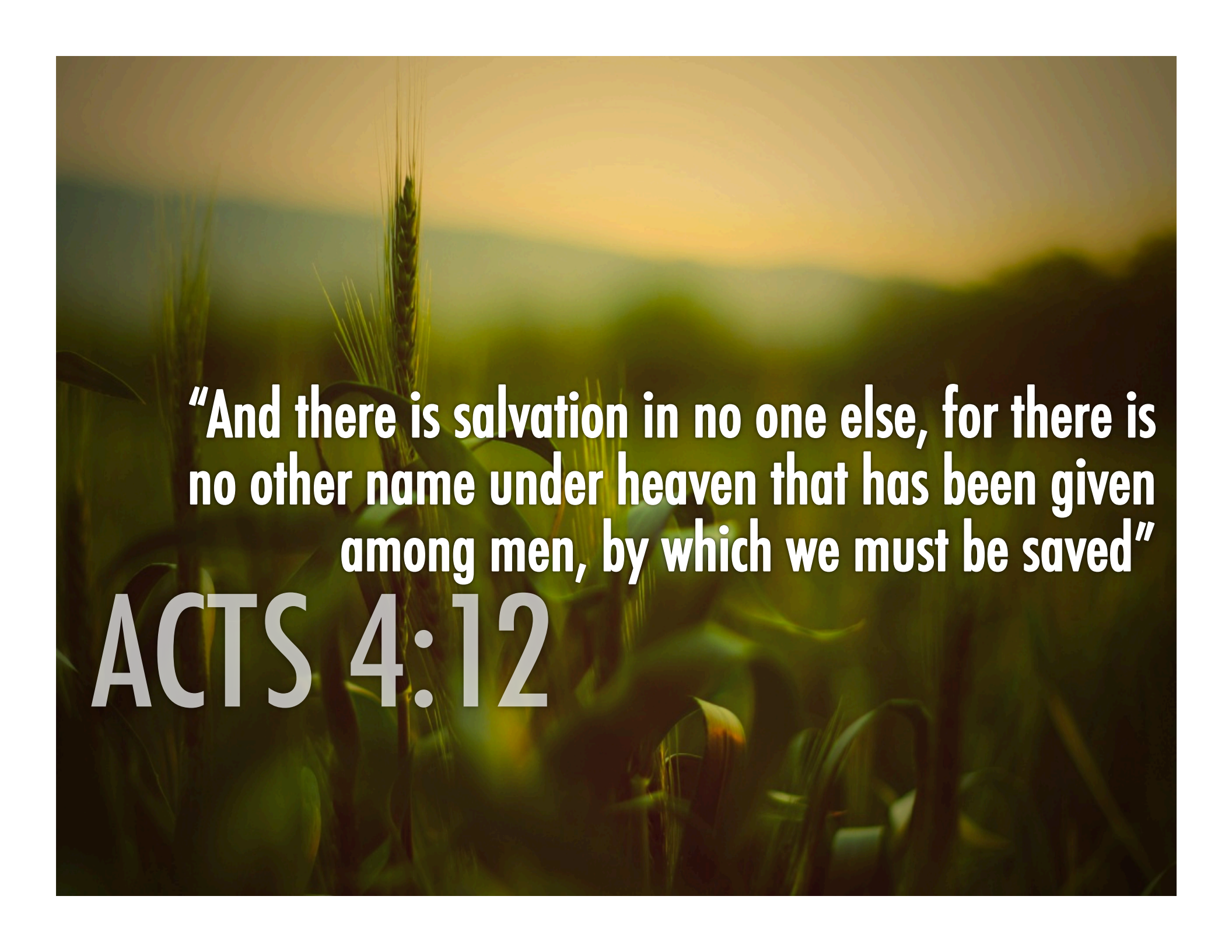
- Do the hypocrites, freeloaders, and bigots prove that Christianity is a failed religion? Interestingly, the entire Bible is, in a sense, the story of failure – our failure.
- The “failure” of Israel is a parallel to what we observe in modern “Christianity.” In particular, that appearances prove very little. Israel seemed like a failure, but victory was achieved quietly and unexpectedly (Romans 9:1ff, 11:1ff, Hebrews 8:6-8). Insincere Christians only prove that people are not perfect, which actually says a lot about the need for Christ, now as much as ever!



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“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved”

ACTS 4:12



GOD AND SNOBS

“And He also told this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt” (Luke 18:9).

GOD AND SHOWBOATERS

- **The world has always been plagued by religious showmen, or those who only practice religion for profit or recognition. Watch out for warning signs in your own life, such as:**
 - Only seeking public acts of service, so others will see you;
 - Carefully dropping comments about your achievements;
 - Avoiding people who intimidate you, for fear of embarrassment;
 - Exaggerating your religious experiences;
 - Attaching yourself to only influential, popular, or attractive fellow Christians.
- **Remember Matthew 6:1-2, 23:5, Colossians 3:1-3**

GOD AND THE KNOW-IT-ALL

- “Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him” (Proverbs 26:12). “The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can give a discreet answer” (26:16).
- “Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk in it.” And I set watchmen over you, saying, “listen to the sound of the trumpet!” But they said, “We will not listen”’” (Jeremiah 6:16).



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