

Safety in Numbers

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"There is safety in numbers," so they say. In reference to physical safety, it may be true. However, in reference to spiritual safety, it is false. Jesus said, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matt. 7:13-14).

During Noah's time, just eight people were saved from the judgment of God (Gen. 7:7; 1 Pet. 3:20). Sodom did not even have ten righteous people (Gen. 18:32). Only a remnant remained after the captivity (Ezra 9:8). So it has been, and so it shall be - few are servants of God. Safety was not in numbers, but in doing what God said.

Moses said, "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil" (Ex. 23:2). The crowd is almost always wrong. Yet, some put faith in the number of people in a church. If it is large, it must be right, so they think. Remember, Jesus said, "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14). Safety is not found in numbers, but truth.

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