

# Who Can I Blame?

**Introduction.** Dwight L. Moody said, “Excuses are the cradle that Satan rocks men off to sleep in.” One of the most memorable of all excuses was in Exodus 32:22-24 when Aaron blamed the fire itself for producing the golden calf. To “blame” something or someone is “to assign responsibility for a fault or wrong.” When anything happens to us, we immediately seek to assign blame. The largest fault or wrong that anyone can perpetrate is to lose their salvation. So, who can I blame if I miss Heaven?

## ***I. The Godhead***

- A. The Father.
  - 1. John 3:16.
  - 2. 1 Timothy 2:3-4.
  - 3. Ephesians 1:9-10.
  - 4. Romans 1:16.
- B. The Son.
  - 1. Hebrews 2:9.
  - 2. Luke 19:10.
  - 3. Matthew 11:28-30.
  - 4. Mark 16:15-16.
- C. The Spirit.
  - 1. 2 Peter 1:21.
  - 2. 2 Thessalonians 2:15.
  - 3. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
  - 4. Revelation 22:17.
- D. The Godhead cannot be blamed for your loss of salvation. They have done everything to reveal God’s will in an understandable way. Therefore, I cannot blame God.

## ***II. My Brethren***

- A. Romans 10:1-2.
- B. Galatians 6:1-2.
- C. 1 Thessalonians 5:14.
- D. Compassionate Christians echo Christ’s words and say to each other what He would say if He were standing physically in our midst. In fact, there’s nothing compassionate about helping people get to Hell. Brethren are going to make mistakes; it is a built-in feature of being human, but they attempt to help.

## ***III. False Teachers***

- A. Matthew 7:15; 15:14.
- B. 1 John 4:1.
- C. 1 Thessalonians 5:21.
- D. While false teachers can be deceitful and tricky, the New Testament commands me to be on my guard and to test everything they say. If I correctly do that, then I cannot blame false teachers.

#### **IV. Myself**

- A. Acts 2:40.
- B. Philippians 2:12.
- C. Galatians 6:5.
- D. 2 Corinthians 5:10.
- E. Every aspect of my salvation comes down to me and my actions. Every decision to exhibit faithfulness is completely up to me. If I fail, I only have myself to blame.

**Conclusion.** Robert Anthony wrote, “When you blame others, you give up your power to change.” In Colossians 1:23, Paul wanted his readers to be “grounded,” which means “to provide a firm basis for belief or practice,” and “settled,” which refers to the firmness of a structure. For example, it used as “found upon a rock” in Matthew 7:25. This would prevent them from being “moved away” or shifted from one place to another from the hope of the gospel. If we can become “grounded” and “settled,” we will take responsibility for our eternity, and not blame others.