

What is your response, Alima?

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (NIV)

Once Alima (ah-LEE-mah) and the old man began hearing the stories of Jesus, they wanted more. Concerning the story of Nicodemus, the concept of “new birth” was as strange for them as it was for Nicodemus. After the parable of the sower, they were perplexed that anyone might *not* choose to follow God’s way.

About God’s kingdom, I questioned, “Can sinners enter heaven?” “No,” they said. “It is as if you are traveling and don’t have your identification card. If the police stop you, you will be in trouble. To get into heaven, you must have your card, and sinners don’t have a card.”

I explained that those who believe in Jesus will enter the kingdom. “We are all sinners,” I said, “so if sinners cannot enter heaven, no one can enter.”

When the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 was told, the old man proclaimed that only God could do such a thing. This was a breakthrough, because Muslims believe that no one is equal with God and consider it blasphemy to say that Jesus is God.

Alima’s two daughters listened and agreed that Jesus is the Christ. As an illustration, I took an orange out of my pocket and said, “I can believe that this orange is good for me. But until I pick it up and eat it, it does me no good. You believe that Jesus is the Savior. But until you accept Him for yourself as the sacrifice for your sins, you are not saved and the Holy Spirit cannot come into your heart. Will you do this?”

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