

## What WAY Should I Go? What TRUTH Should I Follow? What LIFE Should I Led?

### Introduction

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If you read this verse, it says it all. It is the sixth of Jesus' seven "I am" statements in John's Gospel.

Jesus is the only way to heaven. No matter what you have ever heard, on the contrary, He is the only way. Why? Because He is the truth and the life. As God is the truth and the life, Jesus, as God's Son, is the embodiment of God. The word "embodiment" in Greek is *morphosis*. It is where we get the word metamorphosis meaning form or forming. We can also use other words such as incarnate or exact image.

Because of being the embodiment of God, we can come to the Father, and sit in heaven with Him. It takes place as we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. He is "God in the flesh."

### The "All-Access Pass"

In this verse, Jesus stressed that salvation, contrary to what you may think or hear, is not obtainable in many ways. Believing and accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior is the only way. If you want what I call the "all-access pass" to our Heavenly Father, then we must come to Jesus as He is the only One from the Father (1 John 1:1-2).

I know you are probably wondering, why is Jesus the way, truth, and life? Bruce Barton, in his commentary on the Gospel of John, breaks it down.

- **He is the WAY** (John 1:18, 8:36: 10:9, Colossians 1:15): Jesus is fully God or divine and fully a man or human. He knows our experiences and our needs first-hand. Jesus is our path, bridge, and transport, not a road sign. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is our pathway to God.
- **He is the TRUTH** (John 1:14-17, 5:19, 8:29): Jesus is our source of intimate knowledge of the Father. Every answer, teaching, and commands were correct and none of the dishonesty and falsehood that we hear today. He is the reality of all 7,000 of God's promises. What we need to do is to **BELIEVE** in Him and practice what He has preached to us.
- **He is the LIFE** (John 1:4, 3:15, 5:26, 10:10, 11:25): When everyone accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior, he gave us life now and eternally. I love John 10:10 when Jesus said that He gives life more abundantly. He provides the model of our lives and there is no other source available. So, our answer back to Jesus is to receive life.

## **Blessed Assurance**

Jesus does not simply teach the way or point to the way; **He is the way**. Jesus' statement, "No one comes to the Father except through me," wipes away any other proposed way to heaven such as good works, religious ceremonies, or costly gifts. There is only one way, and that way is through Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of the Living God.

How would this assurance of going to heaven help to calm our troubled hearts? The assurance of a heavenly home at the end of life's road enables us to bear joyfully with the obstacles and battles along the way.

It was this assurance that even encouraged Jesus in Hebrews 12:2, "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross." Paul had this truth in mind when he wrote in Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

## **Choose Wisely**

Jesus invites everyone to accept Him, but some will reject Him. Let's make this crystal clear that partial acceptance is a full rejection. It is all or nothing. It is either eternal life or eternal death. Heaven or Hell. It is your choice in the matter. I pray that you make the right choice.

There are no other plans of salvation (**Acts 4:12**). Some would say that a single way is entirely too restrictive. But that attitude fails to see the desperate state of the human condition. That there is *a way* at all is evidence of God's grace and love.

The state of human rebellion can be seen in this: We are like people drowning at sea who are graciously thrown a life-saving rope but who respond by insisting that we deserve a choice of several ropes along with the option of swimming to safety if we so choose.

## **Conclusion**

I want to leave you with one more verse and I would love for everyone to take this to heart. Please remember, this is God speaking. Deuteronomy 30:19, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life that you and your offspring may live."

**I am Dale Van De Bogart and I approve this message.**

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