

Preacher's Pen points

Jesus is “the way”



While on earth Jesus said to His disciples, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life*” (Jn. 14:6). To everything that is truly good in this life and in the world to come, Jesus Christ is the way!

JESUS IS THE WAY TO A BETTER LIFE

Jesus offers a solution to the things that often make life miserable—guilt, selfishness and fear. He brings a better life as He shows us how to deal with these problems; but in addition, His word provides guidance to show us the right way to live so that we can have “*abundant life*” (Jn. 10:10).

JESUS IS THE WAY TO THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Many of life’s unhappiest moments are rooted in sinful behavior. The greatest threat to our well-being is our own personal sin! (Rom. 6:23); but God has provided Jesus Christ as the way to the forgiveness of our sins (Eph. 1:7). Through His sacrifice on the cross, we can receive that forgiveness when we respond to the gospel in faith, repentance, and baptism (Lk 24:46-47, Ac. 2:38, Mk. 16:16).

JESUS IS THE WAY TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Those who think about their purpose in life must surely realize that there is a God who made it all. But, how can we know Him? What is He like? Jesus answers, “*He who has seen me has seen the Father*” (Jn. 14:9). And John echoes this idea: “*No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him*” (Jn. 1:18).

JESUS IS THE WAY OUT OF RELIGIOUS CONFUSION

Many people are confused by the vying claims of the many faiths in this world. But for those who will follow Christ, there is a way out of this religious confusion. Christ Himself is the way! Believing in Him and His word will lead us to the one true way. Jesus said, “*if you abide in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*” (Jn. 8:31-32). This truth will unite us in one body with all others who seek Him (Jn. 17:20-21).

JESUS IS THE WAY TO HEAVEN

The Hebrew reminds us that it is appointed that all of us die and face Christ in judgment (Heb. 9:27). Heaven and hell are prepared as the destinies of all men. Which will it be for us? Jesus Christ provides the way into heaven. John wrote, “*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on! ‘Yes’, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.*” (Rev. 14:13)

HAVE YOU TAKEN THIS WAY?

The world will continue to deal with problems and men will continue to be lost and confused. However there is a way out! What will you do? Are you depending on Jesus Christ as the way? If not, we hope you will seek to walk in His way!

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(This article is based on an excellent Bible correspondence course written by Sewell Hall called “Jesus the Way”).