

Jesus

The Way, The Truth, The Life

Introduction

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1. **Jesus had just said:** "And where I go you know, and the way you know."
 - A. **This led Thomas to ask:** "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"
 - B. **The statement that Jesus said in verse 6 is His response to Thomas' question. But notice, Jesus did not say "I am A way". He said "I am THE way".**
 - C. **Jesus' statement to Thomas and all generations since him says that Jesus is the ONLY way to the Father. "No one comes to the Father except through Me."**
2. **In our study this morning we want to look at "The Way" in which Christ brought man out of the bondage of the law and sin, "The Truth" of His new covenant which leads to the forgiveness of sins, and "The Life" we can have in Christ if we will obey "The Truth" of His Word today!**

The Way Out

1. **Out of the Bondage of the Old Law:** It is only through Christ that man was freed from the bondage of the old law that held man captive to sin.
 - A. The old law offered deliverance when it said:
Galatians 3:12
 - B. The problem of the old law was that man had to “do them” every moment of every day for one’s whole life without ever breaking one single commandment.
 - 1) This “works” approach to deliverance proved ineffective, so much so that the apostle Paul said:
Galatians 2:16
 - C. Man needed deliverance from this “curse of the law” (Gal 3:13), and Christ was the only way out from such bondage.
Acts 15:10-11

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

- 1) **The law of Moses was nailed to the cross of Christ!**
Colossians 2:14
- 2) **It was through Christ’s death that it was abolished and taken out of the way (Colossians 2:14).**
Ephesians 2:16
- D. **This is the only way that we could have been delivered from the bondage of the Old law.**

2. **Out of the Bondage of Sin:** The law made no satisfactory provision for sin.
Hebrews 10:1-4
 - A. Yet all those that were under the old law still sinned (**Romans 3:23**), and were therefore left without hope.
 - 1) Sin results in death, or a spiritual separation from God.
Isaiah 59:1-2
 - 2) That old law was called by the apostle Paul the “ministry of death” or the “ministry of condemnation” (**2 Corinthians 3:7, 9**).
 - B. When man proved unable to keep the law perfectly the law pronounced him a sinner; he was in effect in bondage to sin without any hope of deliverance.
 - C. It was Jesus’ death that made man’s only hope of a way out of the bondage of sin. It is the **ONLY** way out.

The Truth

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

1. **New Covenant:** The truth was delivered to us in the form of a New Covenant. The very same act that abolished the old law established the new law.

Hebrews 8:13

- A. The new covenant was established by the death of Jesus.

Hebrews 9:15-22

Luke 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

- B. The New Covenant was better than the old and brings those that come into it provisions of a better hope, based on better promises.

Hebrews 7:19, 22; 8:6

- 1) Christ Himself is the mediator (Hebrews 8:6; 9:15) and guarantee (Hebrews 7:22) of this New Covenant.
- 2) The New Covenant gives life (2 Corinthians 3:6), and is the "ministry of righteousness" (2 Corinthians 3:9).

- D. Jesus Christ is the ONLY way into this New Covenant.

2. **Forgiveness of Sins:** The truth was delivered to us so that we may now have forgiveness of sins.
 - A. Through the shedding of His blood, Christ opened up the way into the forgiveness of sins.
 - 1) He made this announcement Himself at the time that He instituted the Lord's Supper.
Matthew 26:26-29
 - 2) We can have confidence in Christ because He offered up Himself.
Hebrews 10:19-20
 - B. We can see that the same blood which established the New Covenant was also shed "for forgiveness of sins."
 - 1) Those who are brought into this covenant are promised:
Hebrews 8:12

- 2) **To get into this glorious covenant relationship with Christ one must:**
 - a) **Believe completely (total faith) in Christ**
John 8:24
 - b) **Repent of sins**
Acts 2:38; 17:30
 - c) **Confess Jesus**
Romans 10:10
 - d) **Be Baptized INTO Christ**
Romans 6:3-4
- 3) **We are brought into Christ at the point of baptism. This is when we receive forgiveness of sins and find salvation **IF** we are faithful to Him.**

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

2 Timothy 1:10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has **abolished death** and brought life and immortality to light **through the gospel**,

C. Christ is the ONLY way into forgiveness and salvation.

The Life

John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

1. **A New Life: When we are raised up with Christ from the waters of Baptism we are** "raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."
(Romans 6:4)

- A. **We must understand that we are now a NEW creation of God.**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that **we should walk in them.**

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; **behold, all things have become new.**

- 1) **We must have a new respect for our Savior and a respect to righteousness and holiness.**

Ephesians 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in **true righteousness and holiness.**

- 2) **We no longer should have a desire to serve sin, but rather righteousness.**
Romans 6:16-18

- B. We then can enjoy the abundant life that Jesus came to give (John 10:10).**
- C. Jesus is the ONLY way into this life.**
- 2. Eternal Life: When we live our lives as Paul instructed Titus in Titus 2:12: “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;” then we can have eternal life!**
- A. When we live according to Christ’s teaching then we have nothing to worry about because our works will be good, according to His teaching.**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- B. At the end of our life we will all be able to boldly say as Paul did:**

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

- **Jesus is the only way into eternal life**
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