



# Jesus the Only Way!!

Many people in the world today believe that there are many ways to gain and have an experience of God. Even some who profess to belong to Christ, believe that other faiths may lead to the same God. However this is not true for real Christians who believe something completely different. We believe that there is no other name under heaven that you can be saved except the name of Jesus. Because of this there is only ONE WAY to a true, living relationship with God and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Discuss -** (In group / or small groups)

**Q1)** What do you think are the different ways people seek after / try to get themselves right with God?

**Q2)** Why do you think Jesus is the only way to God?

**Q3)** What do you think this means in relation to our attitudes to people of different faiths?

## **Point 1 – Only Jesus has lived a completely pure and perfect human life.**

Scripture declares that Jesus coming into the world was a plan instigated by God to bring sinful humanity back to Himself. For this plan to work, Jesus had to undergo temptation just as we experience temptation and yet live a completely sinless human life. This is what Jesus did. He was tempted in every way just as we are and yet was without sin. Because He has experienced real human living and temptation, because He has taken on real human existence, Jesus is able to save human beings completely. Jesus in His life, had victory over temptation, victory over the devil, victory over sin and even victory over human weaknesses and therefore His victory both in His life and death leads to complete freedom, for those who believe. No other person in history has lead a completely sinless human life. Hebrews 4 v 14 – 16

## **Point 2 - Only Jesus has died on the cross to take away sin.**

One of the facts about God is that He is a perfectly Holy and Just God. Scripture tells us that when mankind rebelled against God and chose to live their lives for themselves – sin was born. The consequences of this sin is that it resulted in spiritual and physical death. As a result, every human being is born into a sinful world and is subject to a sinful nature that enslaves us to the world. This results in God's wrath being poured out on us and His full judgement of sin directed at us. When Jesus came into the world, God's plan for Him was that He would take the full weight and consequences of sin upon His shoulders and die upon the cross as a ransom for many. Because Jesus lived a completely sinless life, He was a perfect sacrifice in the eyes of God to take on the sins of the world and to die in our place that we might be forgiven. This death satisfies the requirements of the justice of God, and removes the consequences of sin from all those who put their trust in Him. Through the blood of Jesus, shed upon the cross, we are made clean and are given a right standing before God. The sacrifice for sin has been made once and for all and is completely effective to save all those who come to God through Jesus. There is no other sacrifice for sin except for what Jesus has done for us. When it comes down to it, we either except this free sacrifice and forgiveness through the work of Jesus upon the cross or when we stand before God, we will pay the cost for our sins ourselves and take on His full punishment for sin. No other religion, leader, or belief system deals and removes the stain of sin in the eyes of God. It cannot be removed by religious duty, good deeds or any other sacrifice – It is only fully dealt with and removed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Hebrews 9 v 11 – 15, Romans 5 v 6 – 11, Ephesians 1 v 7 – 8 Ch 2 v 1 – 10

## **Point 3 – Only Jesus has rose again and is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven.**

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see a new way opened for those who come to a personal faith in Jesus. When Jesus rose from the grave it was declared for eternity that sin and it's consequences have been fully removed. Sin, the World and even Satan no longer has dominion over those that belong to God. By raising from the died the final curse of sin, death, has been defeated and new life and resurrection life has been established in its place. Philippians 2 v 5 – 11, 1 Corinthians 15 v 20– 22, v 54 – 58

## **Point 4 – Only Jesus is both man and God.**

The core of this full victory given to human beings comes out of the fact that Jesus is both fully human and fully God. In His life He had victory over sin. In His death He took on our sin and fully satisfied the justice of God. All authority in heaven and earth belongs to Him and He is the one who was and is and will come again to judge the living and the died. In every sense he is the one who has gone before us carrying our humanity and showing us what is possible for those who surrender their hearts to God and who cultivate a life filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As a human, we have the assurance, that Jesus understands the trials and tribulations of human existence and therefore will have compassion on people who turn to Him. Both in provision, (the cross) and empowerment (the baptism of the Holy Spirit) Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through repentance and faith in Him!! There is truly no other way in heaven, or earth that a man can be saved!! Colossians 1 v 15 – 23, John 14 v 6 – 11

