

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

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If I invite you to my house and give you directions there are several ways you can travel. For example, you can take highway 146, highway 225, or I-10. Many today believe there is more than one way to get to heaven. Jesus says, “*Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction and there are many who go in by it.*” (Matthew 7:13). Friend, to enjoy the blessing of eternal life we must go through the narrow gate. Also, Jesus says in John 14:6 “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*” Christ is the one who gives access to the Father in heaven.

Let’s examine the scriptures and see how Christ is the key for us to reach the goal of enjoying our eternal state in heaven.

Jesus Is The Way. Jesus is the one who supplies salvation for the lost. Luke records, “*Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*” (Acts 4:12). Only in the name of Christ can one be saved. For example, the Pope is not the way.

Mohammad is not the way. Buddha is not the way. Friend, Christ is the “*only*” way for those who desire to be saved.

Jesus is also our mediator to God. Paul says, “*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all...*” (1Timothy 2:5-6). The word mediator means “go-between.” Paul makes it clear that there is one true God over all, and one mediator through whom all humanity can be saved: Jesus Christ.

Jesus Is The Truth. When we examine Jesus’ statement Jesus is the truth in all fullness. John says, “*For the law was given through Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ*” (John 1:17). Moses was the legislator for the Jews under the old law. The truth which is spoken here is the gospel which takes the place of the old law. The old law could never take away sins. The grace that comes through Christ is the love from the Father and the forgiveness of sins for all mankind. Also, Jesus says, “*And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*” (John 8:32). Ladies and gentlemen, the freedom Jesus is offering is eternal freedom. When

we obey the truth Jesus makes us free from sin and death. Have you obeyed the truth?

Jesus Is The Life. Jesus offers to mankind a higher life than merely the physical. Christ offers a spiritual life, even eternal. Jesus says, “*He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him*” (John 3:36). Imagine a thirsty horse. One can lead him to the drinking trough but he can’t make him drink the water. A person can not have eternal life if he is not willing to come to Christ and obey Him (Hebrews 5:9). Jesus says in John 10:10, “*I have come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly...*” Jesus came to earth and gave His life that we could enjoy eternal life abundantly in heaven.

Look at the blessings one receives through Christ: the forgiveness of sins, a mediator that we can go to in time of need, and everlasting life. Have you obeyed the truth and been set free from your sins to enjoy the blessing of heaven?