

Jesus Is Our Salvation

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Skeptics continue to question and those who mock God are never far away. We are told by some scholars that the Bible is hardly relevant and Christianity is just a quirky leftover from a past we should rather forget. Even church leaders are denying the central tenets of the Christian faith, contrary to the witness of Scripture. We are facing the very real risk of promoting a dumbed down Christianity that emphasizes emotions at the expense of also experiencing a thoughtful engagement with our great God. Theology matters. To make matters worse, many voices urge us to walk in an “enlightened lifestyle” that essentially leads up to a rejection of Jesus and Christian discipleship. Moral standards are judged on the basis of current culture, the latest opinion polls, or the views of a mass media, academia and entertainment industry often blindly submissive to secular notions and a humanist worldview. The pressure to “conform” is ever present. In such a chaotic milieu we need to be regularly asking the question, is the Gospel message we proclaim firmly Christ centered or actually man centered? Success, fame and material wealth are the bywords of a civilization gone berserk with lust, greed and power. Christians are being tempted to walk in the „broad way“ and not to be „too rigid“ in their beliefs and actions. But, make no mistake, the fact remains, only JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE (John 14:6). *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved” (Acts 4,12; NIV).*

We must uncompromisingly keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus. The Christian way is admittedly hard, for it is the way of the Cross. Our Lord said "Except a man forsakes all he has and takes up his cross, he cannot be my disciple."

Jesus is not only THE Way, but he is also THE Living Truth. In the prologue to John’s Gospel, we are told that God was made man and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. In Jesus we therefore see the very meaning of all truth. Christ Himself promised that when the Holy Spirit comes, He would lead us into all truth. If Jesus is truth incarnate, then we can completely and without reservation, rely on Him. Jesus as the true way directs us into a fuller life with God.

Today, many people are desperately searching for meaning in a world of lies and deception. We are sometimes told that it doesn't matter what a person believes, so long as the person is sincere. But, sincerely of belief is no guarantee that a belief is true. What a tragedy it is that the hearts of so many are hardened to the love of God by a sincerity that is merely an excuse for not considering the claims of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Our generation seems to bend over backwards in an attempt to avoid any clear and precise demarcation of truth and error. It is no wonder that strange doctrines and cults abound, and that many are presented with a distorted and diluted Gospel. When we begin to compromise with man-made religions in a spirit of „live and let live“, is it any wonder that faith is lost in THE Gospel ?

Jesus is not only the Way and Truth, but Scripture tells us that He is the PRINCE OF LIFE. The life that Jesus brings to men is nothing less than the life of God. Through the Resurrection, Christ conquered death to bring life in its fullness for all eternity. The Christ led life is rich and blessed. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We may go regularly to church and know about Jesus. We may be religious and pray, as well as sing hymns with gusto, yet we still know that we need the living Son of God as our personal Savior and Lord. He is offering us the greatest thing we could ever wish for - eternal life in relationship with God and all of His children. Jesus died on the Cross for our sins. He conquered death and rose in triumph. He is living and deeply desires to come into our lives to fill us with the riches and joys of His divine life. He alone is the way to truly satisfying relationships.

Jesus answered, I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14,6; NIV)

All glory be to HIM!