

One Way —Only!

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Most say there are many ways to enter God's Kingdom—like: *Whatever you believe is the right way; that is all that matters—one way is not the only way*, but Jesus says, *One Way—Only!* John 14:6 “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”

Only the *righteous* enter the kingdom, and the righteous truly believe in Jesus. It is imperative that we thoroughly understand what it means to *be a believer* in Jesus. God has a *plan*, He paid the *price* to enter Paradise, and He gave *instructions* to follow. Now we must choose to follow *His plan*—then entering can be possible.

With only two human beings on earth, they still had to choose *One of Two* ways to obtain eternal life. Genesis 2:16 “*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*”

God's plan to be righteous is quite *different* than what most people *think*. Life in Eden is a *definition* of God's true plan of life. The first humans give an actual example of God's will for everyone—and it refutes all arguments to the contrary.

Millions of people *claim* to be religious, but most have their own ideas about what God requires to enter Paradise. Many who *say* they believe, *reject* Bible examples as possible today, but rejecting these examples robs them of what God wants to give them to be righteous in His sight. 2 Peter 1:3 “*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*”

If this *teaching* and this *truth* that God has given us—to *believe* and to *live* by faith in Him—is the Gospel *Truth*, then most religious teaching today is a serious *error*—and it would lead to even more serious *results* if no repentance is forthcoming.

Faith in the Lord Jesus is the only *path* to an eternal kingdom because it is the only *way*, the only *truth*, and the only *life*—“*No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” Most religions today have 2 Timothy 3:5 “*A form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.*”

Three things are needed to be on the path to Heaven. **First** is the plain *instructions* given in the Bible; **Second** are Bible *examples* that show how the principle is applied; and **Third** are the *results* received by following those Bible instructions.

With a math assignment—a *rule* is given; an *example* showing the application of the rule; and the *result* by following through. When we apply the *rule* and get the *answer*, we are *sure* it was done correctly. If we apply the *teaching* of God's Truth as Bible believers did—and the same *results* are received as they received—no one could convince us otherwise.

The Garden of Eden describes God's plan of life. It tells *how* God created us; *why* He created us; and the *way* He wants us to live. Genesis 1:26 God said, “*Let us make man in our image, after our*

likeness.” Everything was supplied that was needed for a stress-free life.

The first two were *kind* and *considerate* to each other—and everything needed for a pleasant life was provided by a loving Father. They had perfect *health*—and would have lived forever had they continued to follow God's perfect *plan*.

They enjoyed God's friendship—talking to Him about anything. It made *Eden* like *Heaven*. It was *then* and still is *today*, God's will that we enjoy those same *conditions*—that we not *worry about* anything but trust Him *for* everything. *That* is why we were created!

A perfect *paradise* resulted from a perfect *faith* in God. They *had* no alternative *plan* and no other *power* to depend on *but* God. His *plan*, *power*, and *will* for us today has not changed. The resurrection power of Jesus makes it possible to get back to that position of trust on God.

If we know *how* Paradise was *lost*, we can know *how* to *return* and *enjoy* Paradise conditions. There is a reason *why* there is so much sorrow, sickness, and suffering in the world. The *reason* and the *remedy* is explained in the Bible Genesis 1-4. This plan of life is for us today—it is God's *Truth* on how to enjoy *Heaven on earth* as we trust *God in Heaven*.

Abraham told the rich man in Hell—who had asked that his brothers be warned—Luke 16:29 “*Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read their writings anytime they want to.*” The Torah was written by Moses and includes the principles of *trust* on God we must apply today—but we have to *want* to read about it.

Jesus said Luke 8:21 “*My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.*” It's about *living* God's Truth clearly written in God's Word. Matthew 7:24 “*Every one who hears these my teachings and acts upon them will be*

found to resemble a wise man who builds his house upon rock.”

The most valuable *gift* a Creator could give His creation—is a *choice* on how to live their life. This *power of choice* is the difference between the mind of an *animal* and the mind of a *human*! Humans can *think, reason, and choose* their destiny—an animal cannot do that. *We decide our future—One Way—Only!* It is a *huge* responsibility!

Everything that pertains to *this* life and where we will spend *eternal* life, is on our shoulders because we can *choose* to believe and be saved or *refuse* to believe and be lost. All who go to the flames and all who enter Heaven, can know, that *that* is what they *chose—they* selected their own destiny. It is One Way—Only to Paradise, and they *selected* the wrong way!

This choice began in Eden. God told them Genesis 2:16-17 “*You may freely eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*” God put a difference between this one tree and the many other trees—this provided them with a *choice between right and wrong.*

If all the trees were the *same*, there would be no *choice*—and no reason to give any commands—just live any way you want. All through the Scriptures people had the *responsibility* to *choose* and they *made* choices.

It all began day one—Satan appears and presents a choice. The Bible doesn’t say *how* the serpent spoke to Eve—he could have suggested to her mind. Satan does this today so it *seems* reasonable—*That would just be sensible*—he suggests.

Adam’s fall into sin is a tragic story repeated over and over today. We still have to choose between the *Word* of the Lord and the *lie* of the devil—to believe God or believe Satan.

Something to keep in mind—God cannot *help* us and the devil cannot *harm* us until we *accept* what they say; *believe* what they tell us; and *act* on their words. Anything Satan has done *to us*, was done by first getting our consent. Anything God has done *for us*, was done because we made the choice to *listen* to His Word; *believe* what He said; and then *acting* in faith on it.

Neither God nor man can do anything for anyone until they choose to *listen* and *accept* and *act* on what they offer. Satan did *then* what he tries to do *now*—he got Eve’s *attention*, and *then* he got her away from the *Word* of God. The devil then convinced Adam and Eve to accept his advice to go their own way—which *was* and still *is* the foundation of all *sins*. It began all the *troubles* in the world.

Eve *knew* what God had *warned*—she Genesis 3:2-3 “*Said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, [nor shall you touch it, she adds] lest you die.’*”

They could eat from *every tree* in the Garden—except *one*. Satan deceives Eve by lying about the *results* of following his plan. Two different *words* and one monumental *choice*—for Eve!

Satan’s six thousand years’ experience in deceiving means we need the Holy Spirit to help us *resist* the devil—and to *insist* he leave us when he suggests things.

Satan wants to get us away from the *Word* and to follow his way in the *world*. Getting something we *want* is not always wrong—but it is *how* we get it. If we get *anything* outside the Word of God, we commit the sin Adam committed. We must *repent, return, and restore* our trust on God.

Satan says Genesis 3:4-5 “*Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof,*

then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

The devil is saying to *her* what he is saying to *us*—if we will leave the *way of the Word* and follow the *way of the world*, we will find peace, happiness, and contentment! Satan says we will be our own *god*; chart our own *course*; and have all we want—but having it *outside* the will of God. It would be a costly mistake with eternal consequences.

When Adam and Eve accepted Satan’s *lie*, they accepted his *nature*. Now they had *rebellious* and *unbelieving* hearts—instead of *submissive* and *believing* hearts. The result of *listening* to Satan was *forgetting* God. Their thinking *now* was controlled by the devil.

Anyone who is not following the *will of the Lord* is following the *will of the devil*—but the person is not always aware they are *on* that wrong path. *Unbelievers* think *believers* are foolish to live by faith in God for life issues.

From that *day* to this *moment*, man has been *trying* and *relying* on his own ability and intelligence to get what he wants in life—but anything obtained *outside* the will of God, is committing the sin Adam committed—going our own way in life and rejecting God’s way of life.

Isaiah 53:1, 6 “*Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way.*” We must reverse that wrong choice of *going our own way*, because John 17:3 “*This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent!*”

We absolutely *have* to check in at the right place—we will *be there* a very long time!

