

One Way; the Only Way!



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Some may take issue with that statement—saying it is narrow thinking and that there is more than one way to Paradise. But there is only *one way; one plan; and one Name* that saves sinners from the worst fate imaginable. Acts 4:12 “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*”

Jesus holds the *key* to eternal life, so when we *believe* Him and *trust* on His atoning sacrifice, we will be with Him for all eternity. On the passing of Lazarus, Jesus encouraged John 11:23 “*Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*”

The resurrection life of Christ is the reason we can *claim, receive, and enjoy* the Atonement rights He died on the cross to give anyone. To believe in *Him*, means to believe in *faith* for physical healing when oppressed; it means to believe God and to trust Him if we need money; it means to place any injustice in His hands—and to get rid of any resentment against anyone.

Everyone is separated *from God* by sins committed, but that does not keep anyone from repenting, confessing, and believing they *are* forgiven *by God*. He would not ask us to repent if we could not be *forgiven and given* another chance to trust Him for salvation. Isaiah 1:18 “*Come now, and*

let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Only a fool says there is no God—and it is a choice to *say* there is no God, or to say that there is an all-powerful God. Psalm 14:1 “*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*”

Everyone is required to make *choices* in life, and the one *eternal* choice they will make, is that there is a loving God who requires that we love *Him* more than anything else on earth. No matter how bad we have acted, everyone has the ability to turn away from those wrong ways—it is required that we do.

Isaiah 55:3 “*Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.*”

It would be *wrong* to think that we do *not* have the ability to repent and confess our sins before God, because we *do* have that ability and we *often* have that opportunity. God does not want anyone to miss eternal life, so He continues to do everything possible to save us from the flames—aside from making the decision for *us* to believe—that choice *we* have to make—*no one* can make it *for us*. That is why He created us with the ability to choose.

There is no verse in Scripture that says we *cannot believe* the Gospel of Jesus, but it states *numerous* times that we *can* believe and we *can* trust and we *can* escape the dreadful Tribulation coming on this wicked world. John 3:19 “*And this is*

the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.”

It is *not* correct to say that people cannot *repent and believe* in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, because anyone *can*, and some *do*—although Jesus said *few*—will make that choice to *repent, believe* in Him, and *walk* in the light of the Truth He gave us.

Matthew 4:17 “*From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*” Jesus is talking to everyone who was listening to Him—because everyone has the *ability* to repent. The only question is—will they *do* it—will they *make* that choice! Eternity is waiting for their response!

Anyone of any nation can make the choice to *repent*, and to *believe* God, and to *trust* on the Atonement Blood of His Son for relevant issues facing them today. Anyone *can* repent, if they *want* to—and it *is* an enormous responsibility that everyone has, because it involves everyone’s final destiny—extending on and on forever and ever!

Acts 10:34 “*Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.*” If pre-election were true, as some say, God would be a respecter of persons, which He *cannot* be. God knows the heart, and He knows that if anyone chooses to have faith in Him to believe and to trust Him for eternal life, He will give them the gift of His Spirit who inspires faith. Acts 10:43 “*To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.*”

Whoever believes that Jesus died on the Cross for them; and believes He rose to life three days later to save them—including a willingness to put their entire trust on His shed blood, they

will receive remission of their sins and be in a saved position—God promises.

Romans 10:9 “*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*”

Election by God depends on if we are willing to believe God—because when we want to believe the Gospel—and only God knows the heart—we are then one of the elect. Elect is just another word for believer. God alone knows who is going to be saved, because He is all-knowing. God does not pre-select who goes to Heaven and who does not, but He gives everyone a choice and a plan—fully explained in His Word—One Way; the Only Way!

1 Peter 1:1-2 “*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*”

To pre-select who will be saved, and who will not be, eliminates any choice on our part—that is totally against the character of God—who wants everyone to be saved 2 Pete 3:9. We cannot separate the character of God from the teachings of God—they are in complete harmony. 1 Timothy 2:4 “*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*”

It would be outside the character of God to pre-select some for, and others not for, eternal life. Romans 10:12 “*For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For*

whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Whosoever means whosoever—the Bible tells the truth—not what others think or believe to be true.

We must not have preconceived ideas about what we think the Bible means; what it says; or what we want it to say. The Bible will interpret the Bible correctly—it is not what anyone else thinks or believes to be true. False teaching is prevalent today. The erroneous doctrine of election—that Jesus died for the sins of the elect, and not for the sins of the world, is a common belief, but it is wrong!

This false teaching is called limited atonement—salvation for some, but not for all. The Word of God corrects that error. 1 John 2:2 “*And he is the propitiation [atoning sacrifice] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*” That is the truth!

The verse Isaiah 53:6 “*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all,*” refutes the false doctrine of pre-election. It was once said: quote *Make sure you go in at the first ‘all’ and come out at the second ‘all,’ and you will be just fine* unquote.

Jesus shed His Blood on the Cross for all the sins of the world. The question is—what will anyone in the world do about it. It is everyone’s choice to believe that He made the sacrifice for everyone, so anyone has the choice to believe it; to accept it; and to live it every day.

The spurious doctrine of election is like telling people that the good news is, Jesus died on the cross for the atonement of sins—but just for some people—not everyone. It is wrong to say that and it is wrong to believe that—because Jesus did die for every sin of every person on earth.

Another false teaching that exists, is that people cannot resist God. Once He has decided to make you saved, even if you do not believe

in Him, there is nothing we could do to change that position of being saved. But people do have the ability to resist God—the account of Stephen Acts 7:51 “*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye,*” shows that anyone can resist the Holy Spirit—and it happens all too often.

The question is will anyone make the choice to surrender their life to God; be willing to believe and accept His gift of the Holy Spirit to control their life from that moment. Galatians 3:1 “*O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?*”

We must guard against all the false teaching Satan is throwing at us today, as we journey the path of faith in Christ toward an eternity in Heaven. Colossians 2:8 “*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*”

There is One Book; One Way; and the Only Way—it is to trust on God; to have faith in the mighty Name of Jesus; and to hold steadfast through every trial or test by the power of the Spirit.



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