

"I AM THE WAY"

John 14:6

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Everybody gets confused and doesn't know quite what to do at times in their lives and then don't know who or where to turn to for answers or help. Sometimes a person just wants to throw his/her hands up and quit and walk off. There is an answer, there is a source of help, there is somebody one can turn to at any time for support and that person is the Lord Jesus Christ. He even said: *"...I am the way, the truth, and the life..."* Jesus is the way for every body.

I. JESUS IS THE WAY TO A BETTER LIFE

1. In Jesus there is abundant life:

- Jesus stated why He came in the first place: *"...I have come that they may have life, and that they may hve it more abundantly..."* - John 10:10
- "Abundant Life" is more than a simple, carefree life sometime in the future.
- Jesus' abundant life is no promise of wealth or luxury, it is an assurance of:
 - God, the loving Father, in Heaven, who cares for His Children - Matthew 6:31-33
 - More than enough provision for those who follow Him - Mark 10:29-30

2. Receiving Jesus' Abundant Life makes one blessed:

- Those who truly commit themselves to following Jesus are the happiest people of all.
- Even though one might live under some bad situations, such as:
 - Paul, as he lived under "house arrest." = Philippians 4:11-13
 - Christians being persecuted in many places - 1 Peter 1:6-8

II. JESUS IS THE WAY TO HAVEING ONE'S SINS FORGIVEN

1. Sin is a serious problem but Jesus is the solution:

- Only Jesus can take care of the sin problem of people.
 - Sin is the most serious problem a person will face.
 - Every person is guilty of sin.
- Sin has its consequences:
 - Sometimes physical, but always spiritual - Romans 6:23
 - Unless sin is taken care of, the final consequence will be eternity in hell.

2. Only in Jesus does God provide forgiveness:

- It is out of love, that God offered Jesus (His Son) as payment for man's sins - 1 John 4:9-10
- Through Jesus' shed blood on the cross, He provides forgiveness for one's sins - Ephesians 1:7
- Jesus explained how one lost in sin could be saved:
 - By repenting - Luke 24:46-47
 - Through faith - Mark 16:16

III. JESUS IS THE WAY TO GOD

1. Jesus came to reconcile the believer to the heavenly Father:

- Sadly some who claim to be Christian organizations don't have much to say about the relationship Jesus establishes the believer with God, the Father:
 - Only Jesus or the Holy Spirit is emphasized

- Jesus came to reconcile mankind back to God, the Father:
 - God sent Jesus here for that purpose - 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
 - Jesus said that He came to reconcile people with God - John 14:6
- 2. It is very important to have the proper relationship with God:
 - Without having a close relationship with God, the Father as well as with Jesus one misses a closeness to the family of God. - John 17:2-3
 - The abundant life Jesus offers includes knowing the Father as well as Himself (Jesus).

IV. JESUS IS THE WAY OUT OF RELIGIOUS CONFUSION

1. Many are confused today about religion:
 - Some want to follow Jesus but:
 - There is confusion and even rejection by some churches and there are so many conflicting doctrines by those who "claim" to be a "Christian" church.
2. There is a way around/out of religious confusion:
 - Jesus does not want any part of religious confusion:
 - He taught against it - Matthew 12:25
 - He prayed for those who followed Him to be united - John 17:20-21
 - Jesus promised to have His own Church - Matthew 16:18
 - No matter who or what (even Satan) tries to destroy or change Jesus' Church, it will not happen.
 - When someone obeys the words of Jesus and believes in Him, that person is added by the Lord, Himself, to His Church - Acts 2:47
 - There is unity in Jesus' Church - Ephesians 4:4-6

V. JESUS IS THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE

1. Death is inevitable:
 - It is appointed for men to die - Hebrews 9:27a
 - After death, comes the judgment - Hebrews 9:27b
 - Death is the doorway to either eternal life in heaven with God, the Father and Jesus or to eternal condemnation and separation from God - Matthew 25:46
2. Through Jesus, one can have eternal life:
 - To die believing in Jesus is to die in the way to eternal life - John 6:27; 11:25
 - Revelation 14:13

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus is the answer to any and all religious confusion or different opinions.
2. Jesus is the ONLY way to be forgiven of one's sins and be restored to God, the Father.
3. Jesus is the ONLY way to have eternal life - there is no other way, no matter what people may claim.
4. How well do YOU know Jesus?

