

# The Way – The Truth – The Life

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Throughout the history of the Church... **those who oppose** the Blessings of The Blessed Gospel preached by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, have tried to use His profound statement, against Jesus and against Christianity! The enemies of the Cross try to say this verse proves: **God Doesn't Love Everybody!** Even trying to drive a wedge between the *Believing Jewish People* who started Christianity as a lie to says: **God Doesn't Love Everybody!**

They hold up this verse as proof positive that we Christians are **haters, bigots, hypocrites...** and that we are even **elitists** believing that we are the only people whom God loves and that God will allow into heaven. However, the Jesus Christ that said: *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

## ALSO SAID:

- **John 3:16-17 (KJV)** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that **the world** through him might be saved.*

## It's The Same Thing The Early Jewish Church Preached:

- **Acts 10:43 (KJV)** *To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name **whosoever believeth in him shall receive** remission of sins.*

## It's What The Jewish Rabbi, The Great Apostle Paul Preached:

- **Romans 10:11 (KJV)** *For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth on him** shall not be ashamed.*

## It's What The Beloved Youngest Apostle John Preached:

- **1 John 5:1 (KJV)** **Whosoever believeth** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God..”

**Revelation 3:20 (KJV)** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if **any man** hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

**Revelation 22:16-17 (KJV)** **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.** <sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever will**, let him take the water of life freely.

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Jesus had called himself "the life" to Martha <sup>(John 11:25)</sup> and "the door" to the Pharisees <sup>(John 10:7)</sup> and "the light of the world" <sup>(John 8:12)</sup>. He spoke "the way of God in truth" <sup>(Mark 12:14)</sup>. He is the way to God and the only way <sup>(John 14:6)</sup>, the personification of truth, the center of life.

There's no reason for true believers to be afraid of this bold claim of Jesus, If he is God incarnate than his claim is true. If he's self deluded than he should be rejected... if he is a serial liar again he should be rejected. The question everyone has to answer is: **Who Is Jesus of the Bible?**

## THREE MAJOR MYTHS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY:

1. **First Myth:** that all religions are basically the same
2. **Second Myth:** that Christianity is just one philosophy among many and only as valid as any other religion
3. **The Third Myth:** *Christians are narrow-minded or snobbish when they say Jesus is the only way to heaven.*

## Jesus Backs Up His Claim With Unique Credentials:

1. Jesus authenticated His claim of being God by fulfilling dozens of centuries-old prophecies against every mathematical odd. These prophecies were like a thumbprint that only the Messiah would be able to fit — and, in all of history, it only fits Jesus.
2. Jesus performed great miracles that further authenticated His claim to being God. **And in the most spectacular demonstration of His deity, Jesus fulfilled His own prediction by being resurrected from the dead** in an historical event that was witnessed by more than 500 people and which sparked a spiritual revolution unparalleled in history.

## Christianity Isn't A Philosophy; It's The Truth.

Jesus didn't just claim He was the one-and-only Son of God, but He validated His claim.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> myth:** **"Christianity is just one philosophy among so many. It's only as valid as any other religion"** This can't be true because-again.. the unique credentials of Christ give Him credibility like no other spiritual leader.. when He claims to be the way to God, His credentials back him up.

**Jesus Said:** <sup>John 5:39-40</sup> *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*

\*According to The Bible \*According to Eye witnesses, \*According to History, \*According to Archeology, \*According to Science & mathematical odds, \*How much more Proof do you want ?

**So What's My Point?** I started telling you 3-4 years ago that according to what I've been learning from the Bible... I could see a paradigm shift taking place and more Biblical prophecy was coming into play and that could only mean that we as a *Generation Of Believers* were going to be going through *some more storms of severe testing, more sifting, more fire* as the Great Day of Lord God is approaching.

## Jesus Said Follow Me And I Will Make You Fishers Of Men!

We are to be actively following Christ and actively working at bringing people to Jesus. P I B **Prayer – Invitation** to Christ – **Bringing** People to Church!

Just as we are *spirit, soul and body* so we must be engaged in our world not only through prayer, witnessing, but we must also be actively involved in our own government! **We Must Be A Force For Good-Fighting Evil.** We must be active in our political system, voting, running for office, creating an environment, of social equality, for the welfare of our fellowman.

*We The People Of The United States*, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and **our Posterity**, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

*The Believing Founding Fathers...* built our system of government upon these Biblical principals because they were Believing Christians who believed the message of the Bible and were dedicated to the Judaeo –Christian Truths of the Bible.

\*The Ten Commandments. \*The Sexual purity of the Torah. \*The definition of Marriage, family, dignity!

## American Founding Ideal:

- ".governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." (Declaration of Independence)
- "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government" (U.S Constitution, Art. IV, Section 4)

## American Founding Ideal:

- "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Declaration of Independence
- "No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States" U.S. Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 9, Paragraph 8)

**The Fifteenth Amendment** to the United States Constitution prohibits each government in the United States from denying a citizen **the right to vote** based on that citizen's "race, color, or previous condition of servitude" (for example, slavery). It was ratified on February 3, 1870.

**If you don't vote you don't get to complain about the person who got elected, because you didn't help elect the other person! The only way to change things in the government is to vote for what you believe in.** When you don't vote your vote will go to the party who has the majority of votes.

We must be involved in the social aspect of our generation for the purpose of bringing people to our Lord Jesus Christ so that all men might be saved!

*Jesus didn't only teach us to pray, **He Taught Us To Go** ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: Amen.*

As follower and representatives of Jesus we have some very important things to say & do! We have a charge from God, by God <sup>Proverbs 31:8-9</sup> **Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those who are perishing. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.**

We must be involved in our practice of government and thank God we have a form of government that still allows us to speak up, and even protest against it –Try that under **Shari' ah Law**

I know many of you think I'm pushing the limit(s) of preaching the Gospel by exhorting you week after week especially as strong as I have been.. to be involved in this secular society of ours and to participate in the practices of a Godless government.

**I can sense that you think I favor one political party over another,** but to tell you the truth I'm as ashamed of San Diego's Republican party's platform as I am of all the others who have come out boldly to wage war against the God of the Holy Bible and all of God's faithful believers, whether Christian or Jewish!

I'm aware that there is no Evangelical, bible believing candidate strong enough to win this 2012 presidential election and that the only candidates who will win are not wholly and completely following the Bible.

But if I don't vote.. I give up my freedom to another to make the rules... and if I do vote... I will be making some concessions to what I completely believe! Who's fault is it? Mine.

## • How Many Of You Understand The Meaning Of: Platform?

Each political party has a: Platform ~ Manifesto.. in other words, a constitution, a set of beliefs by which they propose to lead our country. Whether it be Libertarian, Constitutional, Republican, Democratic, Tea Party, Conservative, Independent, etc. There are hundreds of political parties and they all have an agenda and their manifesto is the basis on which they propose to rule.

Major – Minor Issues:

### 1. Pro Life or Pro Abortion. 50 million abortions in the U.S. since Roe Vs. Wade. 3000 a day

- The Bible cries loudly for the protection of human life. God clearly states that He created humans in His image, and therefore they are treasured above all creation. 124 babies will be murdered in one hour in America!

### 2. Same Sex marriage as opposed to Traditional marriage

- Now first of all, let's set the record straight. **There is no such thing as same-sex marriage.** The moment you say same-sex marriage **you have violated** the very definition of what marriage is. Marriage is defined in Scripture. God made them male and female.
  - The word for 'wife' is a word that means 'woman'. There is no possibility of there being a marriage between two men or two women. Now you can create such a union and call it that **but it will never be** that no matter how much you call it that. And that union cannot produce a child of their own. Not both of them together!
  - And we are here to say that we as Christians will never, ever accept that definition, not as long as we have breath in our body, we will continue to oppose it.
3. **Their Definition Of Morality:** Homosexual, Heterosexual, **LGBT** the *lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender* community.

### 4. The Truth Of The Bible.

In declaring a platform that is pro abortion, then you are opposing the Bible that declares it murder. When declaring support for "Same-Sex-Marriage" then you are opposing the Biblical teaching of marriage being only between one man & one woman.

In declaring the definition of morality as supporting LGBT then you are opposing the sexual morality of the Bible and when they declare that they are against the teaching of the bible... and when they want to make these anti-bible, anti-God platforms law... **then they are attacking all of the virtues that Jesus taught us and they are saying in a sense that Jesus is wrong in His teaching...** **and there is no other verse in the Bible that makes it more clear than John 14:6**

- **John 14:6 (KJV)** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

**Bible-Believers are not in this world to hate people.** We are here in love. Love for God, Love for our country, love for our fellow citizen, yes, love even for those with whom we disagree. **And we understand that by taking this stand there will be people who will say that we are bigots and we are haters,** but they said the same thing about our Lord Jesus Christ who died for all mankind even those who hated him and crucified him! Do you see this? Do you understand this point?

The definition of marriage, & sexual-morality has been around for thousands of years and there was a time when there was no debate about it. The fact that we are holding fast to that definition does not mean we are against anybody. **It means we are for our God and for our faith and for the truth that the Bible reveals.**

- **READ: Daniel 3**

**Bishop E. W. Jackson,** President of S.T.A.N.D. [www.standamerica.us](http://www.standamerica.us)

“When they made that declaration at their convention, they declared war on Christianity. Because make no mistake about it, the battle has been going on but they have just increased the intensity.

- We see it in the effort to take down crosses from veteran’s memorials.
- We see it in the effort to tell children, “Don’t put a Bible on your desk.”
- We see it in the effort to sue cities and towns if they dare pray before a city council or school board meeting or dare mention the name of Jesus.

We see it in the ridicule that was hurled at Dan Cathy, the president of Chick-Fil-A, for simply saying *“I believe in marriage and family as God ordained it.”* When Boston Democratic mayor **Thomas M. Menino**, who has led the city –New England’s largest — since 1993 stood up and said, *“You are not welcome in our city. Your business is not welcome in our city.”*

The Boston mayor was in direct violation of the Constitution to dare try and persecute an American citizen for simply expressing his First Amendment right!

But those who make these platforms, these types of mandates have set up an atmosphere of persecution, of hatred, of hostility against **Christians that somehow there is something wrong with us that we dare hold fast to our values.**

It is time for Christians and believing Jews to stand up like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did thousands of years ago and say:

*“We will not bow to the music of your moral relativism; we will not bow to the siren song of your political idolatry. We will stand up for the idea that there is such a thing as truth; there are absolutes, that God is God and beside Him there is no other.*

That He is real, that our Founding Fathers believe He is the One who gave us our rights and freedom and if we have anything to do with it, this country will remain a nation that is God-fearing and a nation that recognizes “BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD!” God Bless You!” (unquote)

***Are you going through a dark, difficult moment in your life?*** Perhaps the storm just rages on with no let-up and you are trembling in fear. You feel that any time now, you may just cave in and go under because you cannot beat this storm.

- **Matthew 14:27 (KJV)** *But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*

Be comforted that Jesus sees what you are going through and He always comes to where you are in your darkest hour. He did that for His disciples one stormy night on the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus came, walking on the very storm waters they were fearing! Walking on top of the problem that was threatening to overwhelm them. He is indeed the King and Lord over the storms!

- When your eyes are on Christ, even though the storms are raging and the winds are blowing, you will know that you are above your troubles and circumstances.
- When people ask you how you are doing under the circumstances, tell them, *“I am not under the circumstances. I am on top of them because my God is above all!”*

## 1. Don't Be Fearful.

He will come to you walking on the stormy waters. Hear His comforting voice telling you, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

And as you behold Jesus, you become like Him. You will find yourself doing things you did not know you could do. You will, like Peter, walk on water.

## 2. Don't Look At The Storm~ Look At Jesus Who Rides On The Storm~

- This happens when you are occupied with the person of Jesus, with His resources, love, wisdom, ability, power and majesty.
- *Even during the times when you take your eyes off Jesus, He never takes His eyes off you.* And when you cry out to Him, He will immediately stretch out His hand to catch hold of you. You will not go under.

## 3. Don't Forget His Past Faithfulness~

There may be times that you are not able to find your way back. Jesus will then hold your hand and walk you back to the boat. And like Peter, you will realize that with your hand in His, the storm will come to a standstill!

As you behold Jesus, you will find yourself doing things you did not know you could do. *(Alter call)*