CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

ONLY ONE WAY OR MANY WAYS

READING MATERIAL:

As a companion to the Bible Study, please Read the Booklet – "One Way or Many Ways" – by Paul Chappell. The booklet was distributed during church service on Sunday June 20, 2021.

SCRIPTURE READING:

- "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).
- "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also" (1 John 2:22-23).

INTRODUCTION:

- **A.** Is there only one way or many ways to God? Is Jesus the only way to Salvation or is there many ways to Salvation? Do all ways lead to Heaven?
 - <u>Christians</u> believe that Jesus is the only way that leads to Heaven while the <u>Unsaved</u> believe there are many ways that leads to Heaven.
- **B.** A traveler engaged a guide to take him across a desert area. When the two men arrived at the edge of the desert, the traveler, looking ahead, saw before him trackless sand without a single footprint, path, or marker of any kind. Turning to his guide, he asked in a tone of surprise, "Where is the road?" With a reproving glance, the guide replied, "I am the road." So too, is the Lord our way through unfamiliar territory (Michael P. Green).
 - o Jesus is the only way to God, Salvation and Heaven.

I. Jesus is the Only Way to Salvation

- **A.** He is the only way to Salvation (Acts 4:12).
- **B.** "He is the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2; 4:10).
 - o "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" (John 3:16).
 - o "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).

II. Jesus is the Only Way to Heaven

- A. He was chosen by God to be the Savior (1 Pet 2:4).
- **B.** He is the only One to Descend from Heaven and Returned There (John 3:13).

- C. He is the only Person to have live a perfect human life (2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15).
- **D.** He is the only person to have fulfilled the Law and the Prophets (Matt 5:17).
- E. He is the only person to have conquered death forever (Heb 2:14-15).

III. Jesus is the Only Mediator Between God and Man (1 Tim 2:5-6)

Mediator – one who mediates or stands in the middle.

- O The only way to God is by Jesus Christ. Jesus came to reveal the fullness of God to mankind (John 14:10), redeem mankind from the bondage of sin (Mark 10:45), and to restore mankind back to fellowship with God (Rev 21:2-3). God provided Jesus as Mediator to Sinners and bring them back unto Himself.
- Other references to Jesus as the Mediator (Heb 8:6; 9:15; 12:24).

IV. <u>Jesus Christ is the Only True Gospel</u> (Gal 1:6-9)

- **A.** The True Gospel is "that Christ died for our sins ... He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures;" (1 Cor 15:3-4).
- **B.** "Another gospel; which is not another" (Gal 1:6-7)
 Another gospel is distorting the Gospel of Christ, rejecting Christ, or abandoning Christ Himself by believing a different gospel or idea.

CONCLUSION:

- A. "Mrs. Bennet, wife of John Bennet, minister of an Independent Church in Cheshire, the day before she died, raised herself into a very solemn attitude, and with most striking emphasis, delivered, in the following language her dying testimony to the truth as it is in Jesus: "I here declare it before you that I have looked on the right hand and on the left I have cast my eyes before and behind to see if there was any possible way of salvation but by the Son of God; and I am fully satisfied there is not. No! none on earth, nor all the angels in heaven, could have wrought out salvation for such a sinner. None but God Himself, taking our nature upon Him, and doing all that the holy law required, could have procured pardon for me, a sinner. He has wrought out salvation for me, and I know that I shall enjoy it forever." (John 14:6).
- B. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

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"the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).