



THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Rod Rutherford

In today's world there are many ways to hope, happiness and Heaven being proclaimed. There are many philosophies, religions, and ideas. Each one believes it has the ultimate truth.

Human life is held in high esteem. Most of us want to live on this earth as long as possible. Within each of us there is a desire to live forever.

But there is only one way to real happiness. There is only one truth that can make men free. There is only one Life that can give human beings eternal life. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is *"the Way, the Truth, and the Life."* As Jesus Himself professed, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me"* (John 14:6).

Jesus is *"the Way, the Truth, and the Life"* because He died for our sins. All have sinned by transgressing God's law (Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4). The *"wages of sin is death"* (Romans 6:23). This is the second death or Hell (Revelation 21:8; Matthew 10:28). Because of our sins, we justly deserve to spend eternity in Hell, but God in His great love and mercy sent His Son to die on the cross and pay the penalty for our sins (John 3:16,17; Romans 5:6-10; 6:17-23).

Jesus is *"the Way, the Truth, and the Life"* because He was raised from the dead. Before Christ came, a dark grave without hope awaited us at the end of the way. But Christ conquered death and arose from the grave. Because He conquered death, He can give us victory over death (1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Revelation 1:17, 18). Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live"* (John 11:25).

Jesus is *"the Way, the Truth, and the Life"* because He will judge all men at the Last Day (Acts 17:30, 31). All must stand before Christ and give an account for the way they have lived on this earth. Paul, an inspired apostle wrote: *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad"* (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven. He alone is the truth. No one can have eternal life except through Him. In order for one to receive the blessings that Christ alone can give, he must believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, for Jesus Himself said, “. . . **for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins**” (John 8:24). One must also repent of his sins for Jesus also said, “**I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish**” (Luke 13:3). One cannot receive the blessings which Christ gives if he is ashamed of Him. Jesus said, “**Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father, who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven**” (Matthew 10:32,33). One must also be baptized into Christ in order to receive the forgiveness of sins and all the blessings which are available only in Him. Jesus said, “**He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.**” (Mark 16:16).

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is indeed “**the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**” No one can be saved except through Him. Will you not obey Him today so that peace, happiness, and life can be yours, not only in this world, but also in the world to come?