

# The Exclusivity and Sufficiency of Jesus Christ

- I. Jesus Christ is not a way, a truth and a life: Jesus Christ is *the way, the Truth, and the life*. There are not many saviors, there are not many paths that lead to salvation, and there is Truth and it can be known. The way the truth and the life is found in the man of Jesus Christ.
  - A. Jesus speaking to his Disciples in **John 14:6** says "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me"
    1. The Way: **Matthew 7:13-23** "enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is broad and the way is wide that lead to destruction and there are many who enter through it, for the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life and there are few who find it"
      - i. Examples of Wide Paths and Broad Gates
        - a. *There are many paths that lead to life* but **Proverbs 14:12** "There is a way which seems right to a man but in the end leads to death"
        - b. *Follow your heart, let your heart be your guide* : **Jeremiah 17:9** "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick"
        - c. *Just do good*: **Isaiah 64:6** "for all of us have become like the unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like filthy garments and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away"
      - ii. Jesus Christ *is* the only Gate and He *is* the only Way.
        - a. Jesus is the gate: **John 10:9** "I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved"
        - b. The way requires Faith and Trust in God: **Proverbs 3:5** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, **in all your ways** acknowledge Him and He shall **make** your paths straight.
        - c. God has made the way known to us: **Psalms 16:11**: "you will make known to me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forever.
        - d. Let God examine you and correct you. Do not be stubborn: **Psalms 139:24**: and see if there be any hurtful way in me and lead me in the way of everlasting
    2. The Truth can be known because Jesus Christ has made Himself known: **John 8:31** "Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, if you *continue* in My word then you are truly disciples of Mine, and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will make you free"
      - i. **Psalms 68:11**: "Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your **truth**; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."
      - ii. The word Truth here is the same word used for Truth in Matthew 7. Jesus is the Truth.
      - iii. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to supernaturally reveal Jesus "But when He, the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth".

3. Eternal life is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ: **John 5:24** "Truly, truly I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life" and **John 17:3** "And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent"
  - i. Jesus causes the dead man to come become alive; the life He gives is supernatural, he will take your heart of stone, your dull, sinful and evil heart that is insensitive to the things of God and replace it with a heart of flesh WHEN you respond the voice of the Holy Spirit which says "repent and believe in the Gospel"
    - a. **Ezekiel 36: 24-28** " I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances"
    - b. You are given a new nature, a NEW HEART, NEW SPIRIT, NEW LIFE. If you are in Christ, you hate the things He hates and Love the things He loves.
  - ii. **John 3:36** "he who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him"
  - iii. **John 3:18** "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judge already"
4. Repent and believe in the Gospel
  - i. Your life for His life
  - ii. Your Sin for His righteousness
  - iii. Your depressing, anxiety, and fear, for His joy, peace, and boldness
  - iv. You life for His life
  - v. Hell for Heaven
  - vi. You are worth Royal blood, Hebrews 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who **for the joy** set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." His joy is you. He endured the cross and rose from the grave for YOU"