

DECLARING THE GOSPEL

"...I declare unto you the gospel..." (I Corinthians 15:1)

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THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF
GOD UNTO SALVATION
(Romans 1:16)

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Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Freedom River Ministries
Charter Cable 10

Monday 7:30 p.m., Tuesday 6:00 p.m.,
Thursday 6:30 p.m.

HEAR

ONE MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

each weekday on
WKWX 93.5 FM

8:05 a.m.-11:40 a.m.-4:18 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

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7:50 a.m.-11:25 a.m.-4:50 p.m.-8:50 p.m.

WATCH

ONE MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

on the Zion church of Christ
Facebook page or YouTube Channel
Posted Each Weekday @ 6:00 a.m.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word of God and Believe in Jesus

Romans 10:17; John 8:24

Repent of Sin & Confess Christ

Acts 17:30, 31; Romans 10:9, 10

Be Baptized for the Remission of your sins

Acts 2:38; 22:16

We Welcome You To Our

GOSPEL MEETING

At the
MT. ZION
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Building Located six miles south of Savannah, TN on Highway 128
Or 4 1/2 miles north of Pickwick Dam on Highway 128

August 22nd -- 25th

SPEAKER:

Terry Joe Kee



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Jonesboro, Arkansas**

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Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
Monday through Wednesday Evenings.....7:00 p.m.

JESUS—THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Part One

World religions cannot save us from our sin problem. The philosophies of men cannot save us from the sin problem. Medical science and technological advancements cannot save us from the plague of sin. Jesus Christ is the only way that we can be saved from the sin problem. Welcome to our study of “Jesus—The Way, the Truth, and the Life.” The text for our study comes from John 14:6. Jesus said in that passage, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” It has been properly said, “Jesus is the Way; without Him there is no going. Jesus is the Truth; without Him there is no knowing. Jesus is the Life; without Him there is no living.” Jesus is the only way that we can access salvation, and the only way that we can have the best life in the here and now.

JESUS IS THE WAY

As we think about Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we first must examine Him as the Way. As we do this, we must understand that He is the only way that we can be saved. Jesus is the only avenue of salvation. World religions cannot save us. They may offer up the concept of reincarnation, as the Buddhist religion does. They may offer up ways regarding how to get back into “the wheel of life,” but that is not what man needs. Man needs salvation from the sin problem. Jesus is the only way that we today can be saved. Be reminded of the words of Acts 4:12—“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” There is no salvation in others. The only name (with “name” representing the authority of the person) by which we can be saved is Jesus Christ. The Jews thought that they could be saved by following Moses. Some today may think that they can be saved by following Mohammed or by following some latter-day “prophet.” But Jesus is still the only way to salvation. He is the only One Who lived a perfect life. Hebrews 4:14, 15 teaches us that Jesus was “in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” The text of I Peter 2:21, 22 states that He committed “no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.” Jesus is the Perfect One Who gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. And He is the only way that we are ever going to be saved.

Matthew 1:21 teaches us that Mary was going to give birth to a son Whom she should call Jesus (which is from Immanuel—“God with us”). The idea is that God would be with us and that He would save His people from their sins. His name indicates that He would be the Savior of the world. Jesus said in Matthew 26:28, “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Thus, as we think about Jesus being the way to salvation, we need to be reminded about His mission. In Luke 19:10, the Bible says that Jesus came “to seek and to

save that which was lost.” All men are lost. Therefore, Jesus came to seek and to save all of God’s people who had gone astray. Be reminded of the words of I John 2:2, which tells us that Jesus is “the propitiation [atoning sacrifice] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” Jesus came and gave His life as an atoning sacrifice (Hebrews 2:9), and tasted “death for every man” so that we could have the hope of eternal life. The Bible says in I Timothy 2:4 that God wants all people “to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” God desires that greatly. But the only way that is going to be possible is if we are willing to obey Jesus, Who is the only way to salvation.

As we think of Jesus as the Way, we also can see that Jesus is the only way to a life that has real meaning and purpose. So many people meander through life without any real meaning or purpose. They live only for the pleasure of the moment. What kind of life is that? Look at people who have had almost everything imaginable in life. Some of those people are the saddest people in the world because they have no real meaning or value in their lives. When this life is over, so far as they are concerned, that is the end of everything. But for the Christian, Jesus gives greater meaning to life. Let us think about the questions that Jesus asked in Mark 8:36, 37 that relate to this. Jesus said, “For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” In these rhetorical questions, Jesus teaches us that there is nothing more important than our souls. The real value of man is found in the spiritual side, not the physical. The purpose of life is for us to prepare in this life to live with God in eternity. This is our one chance to get right with God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14 teaches us the meaning of life. King Solomon sought for the meaning and purpose of life in many areas. Yet he found all of them to be vanity, worthless, and purposeless. He eventually did find real meaning, which prompted him to say in Ecclesiastes 12:13, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” We learn that our purpose is to reverence God, respect Him, and obey His commandments. Isaiah said in Isaiah 43:7, “Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.” We were created in the image of God to reverence God, respect Him, and give Him glory in this life. Paul said in I Corinthians 10:31, “Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of

God.” Even the small things in life (such as eating and drinking) should praise and laud the name of God. In Philippians 1:21, Paul wrote, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Why could Paul say that? It was because he found Jesus as the way to live a life with real meaning. Matthew 6:33 teaches us, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” This is what real meaning in life is about—putting God first! We are to make sure that **He** is the priority in everything we do.

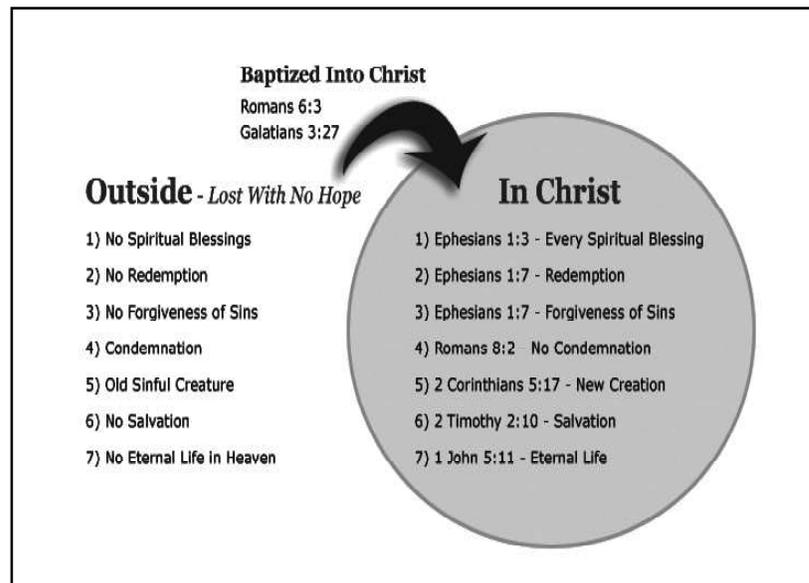
Not only is Jesus the Way when it comes to a life with real meaning, but He also is the only way by which we can find forgiveness and peace. The peace that we have through Jesus is one of the greatest privileges for the child of God. Jesus is the only way by which we can ever live a life that offers peace of mind, a life of tranquility, and a life of satisfaction. Listen to Paul’s words in Philippians 4:6, 7: “Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all un-derstanding, shall keep (guard) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Notice that we are to hand our lives over to God. We are to ask Him for assistance through prayer and not be anxious about it. In doing so, we shall have “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding.” What a wonderful blessing it is to be a child of God. Jesus is the only way by which we may obtain peace. Do you want to go home a night, lie down in your bed, and know that everything is going to be all right, regardless of what happens during the night? To be able to do that, you must know Jesus as the Way to true peace. Jesus is also the way to forgiveness. As we look throughout Scripture, we see that forgiveness is offered through Jesus Christ. Yes, God wants to forgive our sins. The psalmist said in Psalm 103:10 that the Lord “hath not dealt with us after (according to) our sins; nor rewarded (punished) us according to our iniquities.” We have not received what we deserved—and the reason is because of Jesus. He is the Way to forgiveness. Micah said that all our sins have been cast “into the depths of the sea” (Micah 7:18, 19). Our sins have been removed so far from us that they cannot hurt us any longer. In fact, in Hebrews 8:12

God said, “...their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” That is the blessing that is available only through Jesus. As we think about Jesus as the Way to forgiveness, we need to remember the great sacrifice that He made. The text of II Corinthians 5:21 says, “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might made the righteousness of God in him.” The only way to forgiveness is through Jesus. No mere man can forgive us of sin. No human can “bless you” in some way, or say certain words, that will forgive your sins. Jesus is the only way to forgiveness from sin. What a wonderful blessing it is to know that Jesus can offer this to us.

Jesus is also the only way to defeat Satan. Do you want to defeat Satan in your life? Think about the horrible effects that Satan and sin have had on humankind. In Genesis

3, the old serpent Satan tempted Adam and Eve, and they ate of the fruit of which God had commanded them not to eat. As a result, they were cast out of the Garden of Eden and suffered death—both physically and spiritually because of Satan. Think about what Satan did to Job. Satan caused Job to lose all his wealth, and his children died at Satan’s hands. Job was given a dreaded disease because Satan was trying to tempt him to do wrong and be lost.



Think about this evil adversary, whom Peter described in I Peter 5:8 “as a roaring lion...seeking whom he may devour.” How can we defeat Satan today? We cannot defeat him by ourselves. We are helpless to defeat Satan without Jesus Christ, Who is the only way to defeat Satan. Here is the wonderful news! Jesus has **already** defeated Satan. Listen to the words of Hebrews 2:14, where the Bible says, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.” When Jesus died on the cross, He dealt a death blow to Satan. If we are going to be saved today from Satan so that we, too, can defeat Him, then we must be in Jesus’ body. We must be a child of God because that is the only way that we will ever experience victory over Satan in this life.

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