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***Problems? Are You Confused? Lost?***

*JOB 14:1 "Man, who is born of woman, Is short-lived and full of turmoil.”*

These words, spoken thousands of years ago, express the sentiment of millions living today. Now, however, there is a way out -- Jesus Christ. He said of Himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" -- John 14:6. To everything that is truly good, both in this life and the life to come, --

***Jesus Christ Is The Way***

***Finding Jesus The Way***

Following Jesus as "the way" involves more than just praising Him with our lips. He said,

LUKE 6:46 "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?”

JOHN 8:31 “Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ʻIf you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;...ʼ”

The life and teaching of Jesus are found in the first four books of the New Testament -- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Other books of the New Testament are also the teaching of Jesus, for He revealed it by the Holy Spirit through men like Peter and Paul.

Paul wrote:

1 CORINTHIANS 14:37 “If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize

that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.”

Following Jesus as the way, therefore, requires a careful study of the New Testament

and a determined effort to live as it directs.

***Jesus, The Way To A Better Life***

Jesus stated His purpose in coming to earth in the following words:

JOHN 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might

have life, and might have it abundantly.”

Jesus provides this better life by offering the solutions to the problems that make life

difficult -- guilt, self-pity and fear. He does not promise wealth or luxury, but He does

assure us of a loving Father in Heaven who cares for His children and will provide the

things they truly need.

MATTHEW 6:31 "Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we

drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?' 6:32 For all these things the Gentiles

eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 6:33 But

seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to

you.”

The happiest people in the world are those who have most completely committed

themselves to following Jesus as the way.

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1 PETER 1:8 “...and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do

not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of

glory,...”

***Jesus, The Way To Forgiveness of Sins***

Sin is a more serious threat to our well-being than any physical, economic or social

danger that we face. Yet, all of us are guilty of sin and we are helpless on our own to

remove its stain. Sin is violation of God's law and only God can forgive it. He has made

provision for our forgiveness through Jesus.

EPHESIANS 1:7 “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our

trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,...”

1 PETER 2:24 “...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might

die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

After His sacrifice for us, Jesus explained how those who are lost in sin can have

remission of sins and be saved.

LUKE 24:46 “...and He said to them, ʻThus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and

rise again from the dead the third day; 24:47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins

should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.ʼ”

MARK 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who

has disbelieved shall be condemned.”

***Jesus, The Way To God***

Lost people need more than forgiveness of sins. They need to be restored to that close

union with God which they lost by their sin. In sending Jesus into the world –

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 “... God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not

counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of

reconciliation.”

Jesus stated that one can reach God only through Him. He said,

JOHN 14:6 ... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but

through Me.”

***Jesus, The Way Out of Religious Confusion***

Many who wish to follow Christ are repelled by the multitude of churches and the

conflicting doctrines taught by those who profess to be Christians. One does not have to

be a part of this confusion. Jesus did not approve of it. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said:

... "I will build My church....."

We read of the beginning of His church in Acts, chapter 2.

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ACTS 2:47 “...praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was

adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

The Lord is still adding those who are being saved to His church. If we are saved, we

are in His church and united with all others who are in it.

EPHESIANS 4:4 “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one

hope of your calling; 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 4:6 one God and Father of all

who is over all and through all and in all.”

It is good for us to worship and work with other saved individuals who are bound with us

in Christ by these unifying ties. But if we join another body (denomination), accept

another lord (religious authority), or adhere to another faith (creed), we are leaving the

unity for which Jesus prayed.

JOHN 17:20 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me

through their word; 17:21 that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and

I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send

Me.”

***Jesus, The Way To Heaven***

HEBREWS 9:27 “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this

comes judgment,...”

Death is the door, both to heaven and to hell. To die in Jesus is to die in the way to

heaven.

REVELATION 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, ʻWrite, “Blessed are the

dead who die in the Lord from now on!”ʼ ʻYes,ʼ says the Spirit, ʻthat they may rest from

their labors, for their deeds follow with them.ʼ”

REVELATION 22:14 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the

right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.”

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**Questions For Lesson 1**

1. Jesus expects those who call Him "Lord" to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the things which He says

(Luke 6:46).

2. In 1 Corinthians 14:37, Paul claimed that the things he wrote were the

 commandments of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Jesus promised the necessities of life to those who seek first God's

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:33).

4. We have redemption through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (Ephesians 1:7).

5. Jesus said that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and remission of sins should be

 preached (Luke 24:47).

6. To be saved, one must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Mark 16:16).

7. Can Mohammedans, Buddhists or any others reach God without Jesus?

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:6).

8. The Lord added to the church (their number - NASB) those who were being

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:47).

9. How many baptisms does God now recognize? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:5).

10."Blessed are the dead who die in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 14:13).

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