

The True Way

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Some of the people who say that the name of Jesus should not be mentioned in public prayer claim to have good reasons. Not only does "Jesus" offend atheists, but also Jews and those of other religions. In addition, Christians are said to act as though they are the only faith that has the truth and that all other religions are lost. That is true, we who follow Jesus are on the right path to heaven.

"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). There are not a variety of ways to heaven, the Word of God says that there is one way. Any who preach another way is a deceiver and presents a false, man-made religion. The way to live a life pleasing to God is not to follow some man's idea, but to follow what God has ordained.

Why were the idols and their worship so appealing to man? They allowed sin to continue and catered to the lust of the flesh.

There are those who teach similar ways today. They don't stress a life of holiness and resisting sin, but are told that they can live as they wish and still go to heaven. Millions of people follow this type of teaching and disregard the scriptures that speak against it.

Jesus calls for us to love our enemies, while some other religions seem to have no problem with killing any who don't agree with them. Most people don't want to turn the other cheek, they want to force their erroneous beliefs on others. Jesus is still the Truth and the Life. **John 8:24** says: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." That isn't saying that we can put our trust in someone else and be acceptable unto God. We are not to follow some prophet, or holy man, but to follow the Son of God - Jesus.

Believing in Jesus is not an option, it is a necessity. **Acts 4: 12** tells us: "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 other way but God's way. If a person wants to be right with God, that person must submit to God and obey the com-

mands of God. While those who follow a man-made religion may do some good works, they are lost and apart from God until they believe in Jesus. Not just to say that Jesus lived, but that he is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

"Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also," (**1 John 2:23**). The Word of God says here that anyone who denies Jesus does not have God in their life either. Jesus was not just a prophet. He is, was, and always will be the Savior, the Son of God. The Father of our Lord Jesus didn't tell us to put our trust in any prophet, not Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, or any other prophet. He told us to hear and follow Jesus. If we do we will live with him forever. If we don't we will live without him in torment forever. That is the truth, no matter what man may say.

There are many ways in this life, but only one way is the right way to God. That is to come to Jesus and to walk with him each day. Wicked ways try to kill those who don't agree with them, God's way is to pray for the lost and to try to lead them to Christ Jesus.

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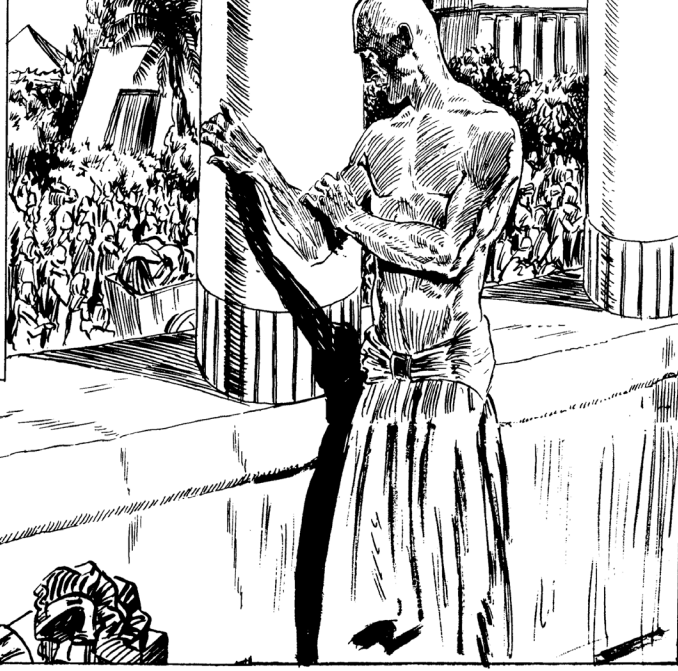
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