

Where Are You Going?

*“I am the way, the truth, and
the life. No one comes to the
Father except through Me”*

- Jn 14:6 -

Introduction

- ***Some people prepare more for a holiday than they do for eternity***
- ***The idea that we will live forever has shaped the imagination of every culture***
- ***“Science has found that nothing can disappear without a trace” (von Braun)***
- ***Indian cemetery epitaph: “To follow you I’m not content until I know which way you went”***

World Religion Perspectives

- **Reincarnation (soul recycling), linked to the law of karma, cause and effect**
- **Soul sleep or annihilation – God will never permit people to live under judgment for eternity**
 - **Ezek 18:23 – “God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked”**
 - **If one chooses separation from God for eternity**
 - **God, leave me alone” – He will**
 - **It would be immoral for God to force you to go to heaven against your will**

World Religion Perspectives

- **Universalism, the belief that all will be saved eventually, of every religion, even the wicked and Satan**
- **No belief system – agnostic or atheistic**
 - **Heaven and hell are of our own making**
- **Christianity**
 - **Jn 14:6 – there is one way: he is that way**
 - **Heb 9:27 - “it is appointed unto men once to die and then the judgment”**

The Challenge

- ***The religious and secular world sees Christianity as: chauvinistic, elitist, arrogant, spiritually racist***
- ***Acts 4:12 - no other name under heaven***
 - ***However, Christianity is not the only “religion” to claim exclusivity***
- ***Question: “Do we believe the whole of Christ’s teachings, including exclusivity, or do we reinvent and personalize a Christianity that is culturally correct?”***

Understanding Truth

- ***All truth must be exclusive***
- ***A belief in no moral absolutes is an untenable philosophical position***
 - ***Can anyone be absolutely positive that there are no absolutes?***
- ***2 Thess 2:9-12 - we are dealing with a spirit in the world system***
- ***Rom 1:18 – religions suppress truth***
- ***Eph 4:21 – for the Christian, truth is a Person, & we are called to follow Him***

We Can Know the Truth

- ***Jn 8:31-32 – “If you hold to My teaching, you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free”***
- ***Jn 1:2 - Jesus was with the Father***
- ***Jn 3:16 – Jesus was sent from the Father***
- ***Phil 2:5-10 – Jesus forsook deity and took on our humanity***
- ***Matt 4:17 – Jesus came talking about the kingdom of heaven***
- ***Acts 10:38 – Jesus went about demonstrating the power of the kingdom of heaven***
- ***Matt 5 – Jesus taught about the values of the kingdom of heaven***
- ***Matt 6:10 - Jesus taught His disciples to pray that God’s will be done on earth as it was in heaven”***

Conclusion

- *Jesus, the One who came from heaven*
 - *Knows the truth about heaven*
 - *Knows the way to heaven*
 - *Knows the life that is occurring in heaven, and*
 - *Knows how to get us there one day to be with Him forever*