

“IS JESUS REALLY THE ONLY WAY? ”

John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5

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Three reasons why we can be confident that Jesus is the only way to God and eternal life:

Reason 1 John 14:6

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Application Question: Am I ready to accept Jesus as the only way?

Reason 2 Acts 4:12

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Application Question: Am I willing to be bold and share that Jesus is the only way?

Reason 3 1 Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

Application Question: Am I grateful that Christ is my mediator?

For further study: *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller

“From the air an airport runway looks ‘narrow’. A pilot who insists on landing there may well be considered narrow-minded. But a runway is the only safe place for a jet to land. Say, for example, that a well-intentioned passenger recommends that the pilot land on a local expressway instead of the runway. It looks safe, after all, and would be much more convenient than circling the city waiting for the runway to clear. The pilot, resisting the appeals of the uninformed passenger who proposes an unsafe alternative, will be credited with courage for saving the life of every passenger – even the one who complained about the inconvenience of it all.

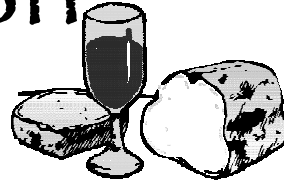
Jesus is like that pilot trying to tell us that it’s not safe to put down anywhere else. He’s not limiting our options – he’s protecting us from a crash.”

The Journey: The Study Bible for Seekers,
Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 1996, p. 1407.

“Jesus did not say that He knew the way to heaven. He said He Himself is the only Way to get there! During the Vietnam War, a story was reported about a paratrooper who had been air-dropped into the jungle and couldn’t find his way out. A native guide had to be sent into the jungle to find the lost man then lead him safely to his base. The guide became the man’s way to safety—his ‘way home.’ In the same manner, Jesus is ‘God’s guide,’ heaven-dropped into the world to lead lost sinners safely ‘home.’ It stands to reason that if you refuse to acknowledge that you are ‘lost,’ then you will not accept God’s Way home. But for those of us who know we have been lost, our overwhelming gratitude for the Guide is enough to compel us to tell others about Him—about the truth of their lost condition and the truth about the Way out.”

www.annegrahamlotz.com/resources/daily-devotional/7/1,
“God’s Way Home”, The Joy of My Heart Devotional, July 1, 2011

Communion



What is it?

Communion is a visible representation of the Good News of the death of Christ for our sins. It reminds us of Christ's death and the glorious hope of His return. The Bread and Wine symbolize Christ's body and blood.

Who can participate?

All who are trusting in Jesus Christ and Him alone for their forgiveness of sins. All who have taken this step of faith, regardless of your church affiliation, are welcome to participate.

If this is not a step you have taken, here is the path to becoming a Christian . . .

- Romans 3:23 Admit you are a sinner.
- Romans 6:23 Recognize the penalty for our sin is death.
- Romans 5:8 Jesus Christ died for you.
- Romans 10:9,10 To be forgiven for our sin we must believe and confess that Jesus was God who died for our sins and that He is Lord.
- John 14:6 Salvation comes through Jesus Christ and Him alone.

How will we be served?

Ushers will serve you both the bread and cup while you are seated. Wait to partake of the element until the pastor leading the service indicates that it is time to partake.