



DAY 5: The Necessity of Jesus for Eternal Hope

KNOW IT!

- “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” — John 14:6 (ESV)
- “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” — John 11:25–26 (ESV)
- “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” — Acts 4:12 (ESV)

Do all roads lead to God? If you follow the latest social media trends, you might think so, but as stated in earlier devotionals this week, eternal hope is only found in Christ and the debt He paid for us on the cross. This world promotes a “you do you” mentality, a ploy of the devil himself to get you to think that focusing on yourself will bring true fulfillment. In John 14:6, Jesus declares Himself as the exclusive way to the Father. Eternal hope is not found in good deeds, other religions, or personal philosophies, but solely through Jesus Christ. He is where the joy is.

Peter also reinforces this exclusivity in Acts, emphasizing that salvation is found in no one else. This truth challenges the relativistic mindset of our age and calls believers to stand firm in proclaiming Jesus as the only source of eternal life. When we compare the

God of the Bible and the Christian faith to what the world offers, it stands out as the only source of hope.

LIVE IT! SHARE IT!

- **Affirm your belief in Jesus as the only source of eternal life.**
- **Resist cultural pressures that suggest alternative paths to salvation.**
- **Share the message of Jesus as the only way to eternal hope with someone who may be seeking truth. Stand firm in your faith amidst a pluralistic society.**

Additional notes:

But Why Not Another Religion?

Islam: Profound discipline, deep reverence for God—but lacks a relational model of God and doesn't offer certainty of salvation by grace.

Buddhism: Deep insight into suffering—but lacks a personal God and ultimate hope beyond self-negation.

Hinduism: Rich in metaphysical imagination—but fragmented, caste-bound, and hard to unify in a coherent theology.

Judaism: Deep roots—but incomplete without its Messiah (from a Christian perspective).

Atheism/Naturalism: Honest about the material world—but cannot account for objective morality, meaning, or the irreducible human longing for transcendence.

Christianity (hope in Christ) offers:

A coherent worldview

A historical anchor

A personal relationship with a loving, just God

An answer to sin, suffering, and death

A pathway not of self-perfection, but of grace

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