



"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE!"

John Chapter 14

I) JESUS IS THE WAY! (v1-6)

II) JESUS IS THE TRUTH! (v7-26)

III) JESUS IS THE LIFE! (v27-31)

I) JESUS IS THE WAY! (v1-6)

(v1) **As a believer let not your HEART be troubled** in regard to life and eternity, as we believe in God—we believe in Jesus!

(v2) **As a believer we have an eternal HOME!** - Two interesting words - *MANY* – Gk. – *polus* - "*much, many, great.*" Also, *MANSIONS* Gk.- *mone* - primarily "*a staying, abiding, abode.*"

Jesus used the term *many* to let us know that heaven is limitless and is not restricted to just a few. This truth reveals the falseness of the Jehovah's Witness' teaching, which wants people to believe that heaven is reserved for a select group known as the 144,000.

(v3) **As a believer we have an eternal HOPE!** - After Jesus death, resurrection, and ascension we find Him located at the right hand of the Father in Heaven (Mt. 26:64; Lk. 22:69; Acts 2:33; 5:31).

- **What happens when a believer dies? He or she goes to heaven according:**

(1) **To Stephen, the first martyr of the church** - Acts 7:55-60 - *But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

(2) **To the definition of the resurrection** - 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 35-50

(3) **To Paul we will be present with the Lord in heaven, receive a new body, and be rewarded** - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

(4) To Paul's personal experience - 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 - *It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows — such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

(5) To the rapture of the church - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 - *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 - *For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 - *For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

- Revelation 3:7-13 - Rev 3:7-13 - *"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have*

loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

(v4-6) Jesus declares Himself to be *"the way, the truth, and the life,"* either He is, or He isn't. He did not say that He is one of many ways to God; He is saying that He is the only way, the only truth, and the only life!

Since Jesus is the only One then all others and their religions are false! Jesus said in Matthew 24:4-5, 11 - *"Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."* Also, *"Then many false prophets will rise up deceive many."*

II) JESUS IS THE TRUTH! (v7-26)

~ Observe the Seven-fold TRUTH of CHRIST:

- Truth #1 – The WORKS of Jesus approve the WORDS of Jesus; Jesus is the Son of God! (v7-11)

- Truth #2 – Believers will Do the works of Jesus, even greater (meaning salvation throughout the whole world, to those who believe)! (v12)

- Truth #3 – Prayers will be answered as we ask in HIS NAME! (v13-14)

- Truth #4 – Jesus will send the SPIRIT OF TRUTH into the believer's life! (v15-18)

- Truth #5 – Jesus will RESURRECT from the dead! (v19-20)

- Truth #6 – True believers will KEEP His commandments (Mt. 22:37-40; Jn. 13:34-35), LOVE Jesus, and experience God's love in return. (v21-24)

- Truth #7 – The HELPER, the Holy Spirit sent in Jesus' name will TEACH believers all things and bring to REMEMBRANCE all things Jesus has said. (v25-26)

III) JESUS IS THE LIFE! (v27-31)

□ His life brings PEACE! (v27a)

- His life brings **NO FEAR!** (v27b)
- His life brings **REJOICING!** (v28)
- His life brings **HOPE!** (v29)
- His life brings **VICTORY!** (v30)
- His life brings **LOVE!** (v31)