

MANNACHURCH SERMON NOTES

The God Question. pt. 5

October 29, 2023

“Do All Roads Lead to Heaven”

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; also believe in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

John 14:1-4 (ESV)

1. Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?

– John 14:6

– Matthew 7:13-14

2. Top Five Religions of the World

World Religions		%	View of God	View of Eternity	Way to God
5	Buddhism	6	Impersonal Force	Nirvana	Eightfold Path
4	Hinduism	13	Many Gods	Nirvana	Reincarnation
3	Non-religious	14	None or Unknowable	None or Unknowable	None or Unknowable
2	Islam	20	Allah	Paradise	Five Pillars
1	Christianity	33	Jehovah God	Heaven	Grace

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3. Four Solutions

- The _____ Solution. (Buddhism)
 - “If you cannot be touched, you cannot be hurt.”
- The _____ Solution. (Hinduism, New Age)
 - “Keep trying; you will eventually get it right.”
- The _____ Solution. (Islam, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
 - “Work harder, work longer, earning your way in.”
- The _____ Solution. (Christianity)
 - “To all who believed Him and accept him, he gave the right to become children of God.”

Bottom Line

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

Reflect and Discuss

1. Reflect and discuss John 14:1-4. What did Christ mean when he said, "I am going to prepare a place for you? How does that impact your faith?
2. Reflect and discuss your interactions with people of other religions. In what ways have you been able to share your faith? What doctrinal challenges or questions have you encountered? Have you been able to overcome these barriers?
3. Pastor Tom presented four possible solutions to man's sin question. Have you ever "mentally" embraced one of the first three unbiblical views?

At Manna Church,

We believe Salvation consists of the remission of sins, the impartation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the gift of eternal life, and the concomitant blessings thereof, which are a free gift of God and received by faith alone apart from human works of merit. Even the ability to believe is a gift of God. This blessing in no way relieves men of their responsibility to repent and believe. After repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the believer is to publicly proclaim his identity with Christ by immersion in water baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A Prayer based on Ephesians 1:17-23

I pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, that he may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened so that we may know the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and help comprehend and experience the incomparably great power released for all who believe.

Lord, release that same mighty strength in us ²⁰ that you exerted in raising Christ from the dead and seating him at your right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² God help us to believe and understand what it means that you placed all things under Christ's feet and appointed him to be head over everything for (us) the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Amen