

THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

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"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me." John 14:6.

The religious world has more ideas how to get to heaven than Heindz has pickle varieties, All religions enslave their followers with false hopes with many things to do, but no assurance of truth in their assertions. Jesus set the standard for truth when He stated He Himself to be the only way to heaven. Any religion that offers salvation any other way is false. Personal acceptance as the Son of God, and His complete way of salvation through His death, guarantees heaven for all who will believe. I want to examine mans ideas and show you what the new birth is not. **(1). It Is Not Humanism:** *"For God doth that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."* Gen. 3:5. Satan told Eve if she ate of the fruit she would be as gods knowing the difference between good and evil. False religion suggests that there is a spark of good in all men that can be trained to know what only God can know. One cannot be educated to the point of a god and by ones' self be able to gain heaven. Adam and Eve found great grief by listening to the advice of one who was against God. **(2). Not Inheritance:** *"For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."* Eph. 2:8. Many boast of their lifetime religion and all the things they have done as a part of it. You can inherit money or property, but no worshipful life will gain you salvation. It is not passed on from family upbringing to our children from a lifetime of religious actions. One must accept salvation as a gift, because of the grace and provision of God through the death of His Son. **(3). Not Evolution:** *"The fool has said in His*

heart, There is no God, They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." Psm. 14:1. Evolution leaves no room for the working of the true creator of the universe. They leap from species to species and body to body showing it getting better until acceptable as little gods. No indeed, civilization is not getting better and more God like. It stirs its' pride with religious ordinances which do nothing to save the soul, and prepare men to face our true God. They die lost as all their studies in evolution fade away and are lost forever. **(4). Not Religion:** *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* Prov. 16:25. I have toured the world and entered many of the religious worship spots of man. They contain many paintings, much gold, the bodies of some of the leading followers and idols standing in stony silence. These in no way represent the true way of salvation through the finished work of Christ. False prayer candles burn out, statues are emplaced, and whalers on the tongue perish, like the ones who receive them. No religion can satisfy the longings of the heart. **(5). Not Works:** *"For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* Eph. 2:8&9. The works of man have nothing to do with his salvation. Take whatever pilgrimage you desire, crawl up the sacred stairs on your knees, light all the candles, count all the beads and still you will not be saved. Give your body to be burned and invest every living hour in good works and you still are not saved. Salvation is not the result of mans work, but the one time death of God's Son on the cross. Check again the verse above and any one can see it is not of works. **(6). Not Keeping The Law:** *"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall be no flesh justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."* Rom. 3:20. In Jesus day the Jews thought keeping the law was the way to God. They constantly accused Christ of breaking it. The

Bible clearly says no one is justified by trying to keep the law. It serves as a schoolmaster to educate and challenge men, and trying to keep it always leads to helplessness. It is a mirror for us to see our exceeding sinfulness, but it cannot save. Only personal faith in Christ can do that. **(7). Not Education:** *"Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.* II Tim. 3:7. The library's of the world are filled with books by men dealing with religious themes. They ignore the plan of God for true salvation, with an evil, worthless, flood of the conjunctions of mankind. They offer little hope for their religious followers, in fact add to the condemnation of God upon their confused lives. Salvation is not found in mans' education but in .the clear teaching of the Bible. When you educate a sinner all you get is an educated sinner. Again, not education, but faith in Gods' way of redemption alone can save. **(8) Not Fortune:** *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth or rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* Matt. 6: 19-21. The largest fortune you can gain will be left behind when you die. Your money may give you many perks on earth, but it is powerless to save your soul. Without faith in Christ you will be a beggar in Hell forever. Riches do not cross to the other side in eternity. I heard of a rich man being buried in his new Cadillac. As the crane swung it over the grave one of his friends said, "Man that's living." Sounds like a joke but it preaches. Money will not get you there and will be left behind when you die. **(9). Not Science:** "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2:3. The mysteries of God and of the Father, and of Christ, are all wrapped up in the true way of salvation through the Son. Beware less you be misled by the many false ideas of the religions

of the world. Man was created by God and did not evolve from apes. Most all the tenants of science concerning life are completely false. They will seek to prove anything that dishonors God and His making of man. Perhaps the great apes they worship will be in Hell with them. Not me. "I'm no kin to the monkey." **(10). Not Catechism:** *"For man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh upon the heart."* I Sam. 16:7b. I don't want to appear unkind but all the repetitive prayers and gimmicks of the Mass give false hopes to the participants. Many false religions practices are touted as leading to salvation. They are all lies and cannot save the soul. Only faith in the finished work of Christ can do that. **(11). Not Baptism:** *"Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."* John 3:3. Baptism as a religious rite does not save the soul. It is commanded by the Lord as a testimony of our faith in the finished work of Christ but Jesus never taught it to be the way of salvation, It is identification rather than salvation. **(12). Not Goodness:** *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord.."* Titus 3:5&6. We are all sinners by birth and praxes. God warns *"There is none righteous, no not one."* Rom. 3:10 Man is unrighteous and goes out of his way to sin. Not one unsaved person is profitable to God.. No one is left out *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."* Rom 3:23 I have given you twelve lies perpetrated by false religious groups today. Oh please heed my urging and make sure of your salvation. Jesus said He was the only way. All other ways are false and misleading. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16. Remember dear friend, **Jesus Is The Only Way...THE ONLY WAY!**