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The Invitation to Come Home

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Our Course
for Eternity
WITH MIKE TUCKER



Review

Twentieth century Christian writer C. S. Lewis wrote: “Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

Lewis felt that the claims made by Jesus were just too strong to be ignored or taken lightly. If Jesus is who He claims to be, then Christianity is of ultimate importance.

What do you believe to be true about Jesus Christ? Who is He? Are His claims true?

Digging Deeper

Let's review some important biblical passages.

Faith
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Luke 13:24 *Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.*

Jesus tells us that there is only one way to Heaven. There is only one door that provides a way through the wall that separates us from God.

John 10:9 *I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. ...*

John 14:6 *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Jesus claims to be that “door” or “gate” that provides a way through the wall of sin that stands between God and us. Jesus claims that He personally is the only way to intimacy with God – He is the only way to salvation.

Jesus further claims to be the way, the truth and the light.

What do these claims of Jesus mean to you?

1John 1:8 *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*

These two passages tell us that we are the cause for the separation that exists between God and us. Our sins have separated us from God and we are helpless to do anything on our own to change that fact.

I Peter 1:18-19 *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Since we were incapable of getting through the wall that separates God from us, God sent Jesus to make a way through the wall of sin. His sacrifice on the cross has paid the debt our sins created. This is how Jesus became the door through the wall of separation. Jesus died to provide a means of reconciliation with God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

We access salvation by faith in Jesus' sacrifice. Our salvation does not come from our good works but through our faith in Jesus' perfect life and perfect sacrifice. This point is further illustrated in the book of Romans.

Romans 10:9-11 *If you declare that Jesus is Lord, and believe that God brought him back to life, you will be saved. By believing you receive God's approval, and by declaring your faith you are saved. Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be ashamed."*

We find intimacy with God through faith in the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. Because of his sacrifice, our sins are forgiven, our salvation is sure, and the wall of separation between God and us is removed.

Do you believe that Jesus is God, and do you believe that Jesus paid the penalty for your sins?

Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior by praying a prayer similar to that which Mike prayed?

If not, would you like to do so now?