

Our Issues – God’s Answers

Is Jesus Really The Only Way To God?

INTRO: Our answer to last week’s question, “Is Jesus Really The Son Of God?” goes a long way toward answering this week’s question. Knowing that everyone will live somewhere forever, it is vital to get the answer to this week’s question right. A wrong answer will have eternal devastating consequences.

I. THE DEMANDS FOR JESUS ONLY

1. The Prophecies – Is. 45:21

2. The Proclamations

(1) By Jesus – Jn. 14:6 (The Gauntlet); 3:16

(2) By Peter – Acts 4:12; Jn. 6:68-69

(3) By Paul – 1 Tm. 2:5; Ep. 2:12

3. The Proofs

(1) Jesus Is The Only Divine Savior – Jn. 1:1; Jn. 10:30-33

(2) Jesus Is The Only Sinless Savior – He. 4:15; 1 Pt. 2:22

(3) Jesus Is The Only Crucified Savior – 2 Co. 5:21

(4) Jesus Is The Only Resurrected Savior – Ro. 1:4

4. The Precautions – Jn. 8:24; 1 Jn. 5:11-12

II. THE DIFFICULTIES OF JESUS ONLY

1. The Case Of The Uninformed

(1) God’s Love – Jn. 3:16

(2) God’s Light – Ps. 19:1-4; Ro. 1:18-20; 2:15

(3) God’ Legion – Acts 1:8; 10:1ff.; Re. 7:9

2. The Case Of The Misinformed

(1) The Opportunities Since Eden – Ro. 1:18-20; Ek. 18:20,23

(2) The Options Since Eden – Ge. 4:3-5; Mt. 7:13-14, 21-23;
Ro. 4:5; Ep. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5

III. THE DEDUCTIONS FROM JESUS ONLY

1. We Must Tell About Jesus TODAY – Mt. 28:18-19

2. They Must Trust In Jesus TODAY – Jn. 3:36; 2 Co. 6:2; Jn. 14:6

CONCL: Jesus answers the question with absolute clarity: “I am THE way, THE truth, and THE life, NO MAN cometh unto the Father, but by ME.” (John 14:6)

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How Can I Beat Bitterness?

INTRO: Is there any of us who have not experienced bitterness either in our own heart, in the heart of someone mistreating us, or both?! We all know the hurt of bitterness from others, so let us band together to stop it in us.

I. THE CHECKLIST FOR BITTERNESS

II. THE CHARACTER OF BITTERNESS – Ac. 8:23; Ep. 4:31-32

III. THE CAUSES OF BITTERNESS

1. Hurt – Ro. 12:18-21; Ps. 106:32-33

2. Envy – Ac. 8:23; Ja. 3:14

3. Resentment – Ge. 37 – 48

4. Discontent – Is. 45:9-11

IV. THE CURSES OF BITTERNESS

1. The Curse Of The Root – He. 12:15a

2. The Curse Of The Fruit – He. 12:15b

V. THE CURES FOR BITTERNESS

1. Contemplation – He 12:15; Ps. 139:23-24

2. Confession – 1 Jn. 1:9; Ps. 51:10

3. Contrition – 1 Pt. 4:12-13; Ep. 4:31-32; 2 Co. 12:9-10

4. Compassion – Mt. 18:21-35; 6:15; Ep. 4:31-32

5. Contentment – 1 Tm. 6:6-8; Ro. 5:3-4; 12:10, 18, 19; 8:17

CONCL: Almost all of us have bit into something bitter. What that bitter taste does to our mouth so bitter thoughts do to our heart. But unlike the bitter taste, the thoughts can hurt not only us but those around us. Let’s stop the spread!!

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