

All Roads Lead To Heaven?

When traveling to a destination, depending on our mood, we will take different routes to get there. Some of us want the fastest possible route and to get there as fast as possible while others enjoy a more leisurely route, enjoying the scenery and not really caring how long it takes. The point is there are always different roads we can take to where we are going, but is it the same when it comes to Heaven?

I'm sure all that read this, your goal is to get to Heaven one day and God has laid out the path for us to go and we must follow it. It was Jesus who said in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." I love this illustration of a road that Jesus gives because it's a difference between a wide and narrow road. Down a narrow road, you must be cautious and go slow to make sure that you can make it safely, but traveling down a wide road, you can travel faster and don't have to be as cautious. He also said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus provides the ONLY way to get to God ... to Heaven and we MUST do what He commands if we wish to go there one day.

Paul emphasizes this point in Ephesians 4:4-6 when he says, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." There's no question that there is one God, so why would we question that there are multiple faiths or multiple baptisms that God would accept and what about when the Lord was adding to THE church daily such as were being saved in Acts 2:47? So as there is one faith, one baptism, and one God, there is only one church that Christ established by sacrificing His life for. Paul helps further show this by the illustration he uses in Ephesians 5:23. Just as there is to only be ONE husband and ONE wife, so there is only ONE Savior who is head over the ONE church. Let's all make sure that we are one that one path that Christ has laid out for us and if we're not, something must change before this life is over. He has given us instruction to find the one church that He established with everything we need to make sure that we stay on the straight and narrow road, and for those of us who are on the right path, let's continue to encourage one another to stay running the race of life so we will hear the words well done thou good and faithful servant.

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