

No Other Way

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No one comes to the Father except through me".
(John 14:6)*

There are many religions in the world but Christianity has two very great differences which set it far above the rest.

- Firstly, in all other religions man is reaching UP to heaven trying to find a way to please God whereas Christianity tells us that God's Son, Jesus, came DOWN from heaven to show us the way.
- Secondly, Christianity is the only religion that deals with sin. Sin separates man from God and unless a person's sins are forgiven they cannot enter into the presence of our holy God.

Sin is like a brick wall between God and man. If there was no sin, the wall would not be there and in fact there wouldn't even be a Bible. But sin is a reality in everyone's life and God has given us the Bible to show us the way to get right with Him and have our sins forgiven. Unless your sins are forgiven, there is no way you will be saved from God's Judgement. You can go to church, read the Bible, work for charities, give to the poor, live a good life, fast, pray and sing hymns all day long but you will still be under God's condemnation if your sins are not forgiven.

The only way our sins can be forgiven is through Jesus. In John 14:6, He said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"*. Jesus has every right to say that He is the only way because He is God's Son. God sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world so that anyone who repents and believes in Him will be forgiven and have eternal life. Acts 4:12 says, *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved"*. No other name, no other person, no organisation and no church can save us, only Jesus can do that. 1 Tim. 2:5 confirms this, saying, *"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"*. Jesus is the only way, the only mediator, between men and God and anyone who claims there is another way is simply calling Him a liar.

To be saved you must turn from all sin (that is, repent) and believe in Jesus. In Heb. 9:27, the Bible tells us that there is no second chance after death. Your eternal destiny, heaven or hell, is set by the decisions you make in this life. If you have not trusted in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins then when you die, and stand before God at the Judgement Seat, you will be all alone and condemned. Jesus will not mediate for you as He said that if you don't acknowledge Him (before you die), then He won't acknowledge you when you stand before God (Matt. 10:32).

So, when we compare Christianity with the other religions we see that it is very unique. It was established by God's Son, Jesus, who died for the sins of the world and then rose from the dead. So now, when someone repents and believes in Jesus they are forgiven and the sin wall comes down, allowing them to enter into God's presence. No other religion has dealt with sin which always separates man from God. If you are not saved, repent and trust in Jesus while you are still able. Amen.

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