WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Lesson #7 -Jesus is the Way Scripture Reading: John 14:1-6

Introduction:

- 1. One way streets are to be taken seriously. To go against them causes havoc.
- 2. Jesus is the only way for man to be reconciled to God and live eternally with Him.
- 3. Our faith and trust is always in Jesus because He is...

I. THE WAY TO TRUTH

- A. THE TRUTH IS REVEALED THROUGH HIS WORD -Jn 8:31-32
 - 1. We must first abide in His words.
 - a. Abiding in His word is first hearing (or reading) -Mt 13:9
 - b. Abiding in His word must be followed by doing -Ja 1:22, Mt 7:24-27
 - 2. When we abide in the words of Jesus, we are His disciples.
 - a. We are following the straight and narrow path -Mt 7:13-14
 - b. Others will see Jesus through us -Ga 2:20, 2Co 3:18, 1Ti 4:12

B. THE TRUTH SETS US FREE

- 1. Spiritual confusion
 - a. There are a wide variety of teachings in the world regarding salvation.
 - b. Therefore, we must earnestly check the word to verify our spiritual condition -Ac 17:11, 2Ti 2:15
- 2. Doubt / uncertainty about the destiny of our soul
 - a. We trust the word of Christ because they are truth -Jn 14:6, He 6:18, Ti 1:2
 - b. We trust the word of Christ because it is what we will be judged by -Jn 12:48

II. THE WAY TO SALVATION

- A. ONE MUST BE CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST
 - 1. Sin is the great separator between man and God -Is 59:1-2
 - a. Any sin is powerful enough to separate man from God.
 - b. Sin can never be resolved by man apart from God
 - 2. It is only the blood of Jesus that can save us from our sins
 - a. We are redeemed by His blood -Ep 1:7
 - b. We are bought by His blood -1Co 6:20
 - c. We were purchased by His blood -Ac 20:28

B. ONE MUST COME IN CONTACT WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 1. One comes in contact with His blood through baptism -Ro 6:3-4
 - a. We are buried into His death where He shed His blood -Jn 19:34
 - b. When are buried in baptism, we are cleansed by his blood -Ac 22:16
- 2. After baptism one becomes a part of the body of Christ
 - a. One has put on Christ -Ga 3:27
 - b. Jesus is the head of the body which is His church -Ep 1:22-23
 - c. Those in Christ are a new creation -2Co 5:17
 - d. Those in Christ have all spiritual blessings -Ep 1:3

III. THE WAY TO HEAVEN

- A. CHRIST IS COMING TO BRING HOME THE FAITHFUL
 - 1. Remember, Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us -Jn 14:1-4
 - 2. We will meet Him in the air -1Th 4:13-18
 - a. Paul said to comfort one another with these words
 - b. We therefore should look forward to the time the Lord returns -Re 22:20

B. WE THEREFORE PREPARE OURSELVES

- 1. Redeeming the time -Ep 5:16
 - a. Too many wait until the last minute to get things done
 - b. This is one scenario where procrastination will fail
- 2. Hearing and obeying the words of Jesus -Mt 7:24-27

Conclusion:

- 1. There is a day of Judgment coming. This is a day that no one can escape.
- 2. Many on that day will stand before the Lord unprepared as Jesus described -Mt 7:21-23
- 3. If one is to be thoroughly prepared for that day, he must acknowledge Jesus as Lord, Savior, Mediator, Head, King, Provider, and Way.