

Christianity is the Absolute Religion

An absolute is something that is true for all people of all ages. It is true whether it is spoken today, in the past, or in the future. An absolute stretches from the dawn of time to eternity. It was true for Adam, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, the apostles, and Luther. It is true for the people of today and for all people who will be born. Christianity is the absolute religion. It alone gives us the way of salvation. It alone is based on the inspired, inerrant, and unchanging Word of God.

Christianity is the absolute religion because it gives us the only way to heaven: faith in Jesus Christ, who saved us from our sins. All man-made religions teach salvation by a person's own good works. They teach that a deity or a standard must be appeased by the works that a person performs. Christianity is unique in that it is the only religion that teaches salvation by grace, apart from works. The Apostle Paul writes, "*For we conclude that a person is justified by faith, apart from the works of the Law,*" (Rom. 3:28), and "⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith. This is not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, that no one may boast,*" (Eph. 2:8-9).

Jesus has been the way to heaven for all people throughout the ages. There are those who say the people of the Old Testament were saved by keeping God's law. This is not true. God did use a law covenant with the people of Israel to keep them intact as a nation until Jesus could be born (Ex. 24; Gal. 3:24). However, the main covenant of the Old Testament was the promise God made to Abraham that He would send the Saviour from Abraham's line (Genesis 15). Peter indicated it was not possible to keep the law covenant God made with Israel when he said, "¹⁰ *Now then, why are you testing God by putting a yoke on the necks of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ No! Through the grace of the Lord Jesus we believe in order to be saved, just as they also do,*" (Acts 15:10-11). Jesus said that Abraham was saved through faith in the Saviour who was to come, "*Abraham your father rejoiced to see My day; and he saw it and was glad,*" (John 8:56). Paul also declared that Abraham was saved through faith in Jesus (Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:6; Gen. 15:6). The prophet Habakkuk indicated salvation came through faith in Christ (Hab. 2:4). People of the Old Testament were saved through faith in Jesus Christ, the same as we are.

Jesus made it clear that He is the only way to heaven. He said, "*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me,*" (John 14:6). The apostles repeated this assertion. Peter declared, "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved,*" (Acts 4:12). Throughout his letters, Paul made it very clear that "*a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law,*" (Rom. 3:28).

Yes, Jesus is the only way to heaven. There is no other way. The idea, that all religions lead to heaven or that we all worship the same God but just call him by different names, is a soul-destroying lie. In fact, postmodernism today condemns Christianity for asserting that Jesus alone is the way to heaven. Postmodernism believes it is better for a person to have a variety of religious beliefs rather than just one. Yet the Bible is clear. Jesus is the only way to heaven. What a comfort it is for people of all ages to be able to rest their faith on God's promise that "whoever believes in Him [Jesus] will not perish but have eternal life," (John 3:16). Christianity is the absolute religion because it gives us Jesus, who is the only way to heaven.