

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life John 14:1-6

Introduction:

In the beginning of this passage, Jesus tells His disciples of a place that He is going to prepare for them.

As we go throughout this lesson, remember the theme throughout the text: *Jesus is going prepare a place for us for eternity.*

I. "I am the way."

- A. At the time of this statement, they were living under a different law.
 - 1. In order for there to be a new law, the first law had to be destroyed.
 - 2. We know that Jesus has destroyed the Old Law through the cross.
 - a. Eph. 2:14-16 - For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, {15} having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, {16} and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.
 - b. Col. 2:13-14 - And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, {14} having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- B. Now, instead of going through the Old Law, we must go through Christ.
 - 1. Rom. 5:1-2 - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, {2} through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
 - 2. Eph. 2:18 - For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
 - 3. Heb. 10:19-20 - Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, {20} by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
- C. The only way that we could have that salvation is through Him.
 - 1. Remember Father's house that Jesus has just described (14:1-4).
 - 2. Jesus has told them that they know the way, and Thomas has asked Jesus "how can we know the way" (14:5).
 - 3. Jesus says that He is the way.
 - a. 1 Tim. 2:5-6 - For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, {6} who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

- b. **Heb. 9:15** - And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
 - c. **I Jn. 2:1** - My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
 - 4. Jesus is the “go-between” for us to the Father.
 - 5. He has that right because He shed His blood for us.
- D. Christ is the way to solve our “problem of sin.”
 - 1. **Heb. 9:11-15** - But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. {12} Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. {13} For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, {14} how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? {15} And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
 - 2. **I Jn. 1:7** - But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
 - 3. **I Jn. 3:4-9** - Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. {5} And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. {6} Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. {7} Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. {8} He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. {9} Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

II. “I am the truth.”

- A. We know that Jesus is the truth.
 - 1. **Jn. 1:14** - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - 2. **Jn. 1:17** - For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- B. Today we can know His truth because of His word.

1. **Ps. 119:160** - The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.
 2. **Eph. 1:13** - In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.
 3. **Col. 1:5** - because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,
- C. We can be sanctified, or set apart, by the truth (word) of God.
1. **Jn. 17:17-19** - "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. {18} As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. {19} And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."
 2. **Jn. 8:31-32** - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. {32} And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- D. As the truth, Jesus is the answer to our ignorance.
1. **I Cor. 1:18-25** (esp. **verse 25** - Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.)
 2. God tells us that He wants us to be saved.
 - a. **I Tim. 2:4** - who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 - b. **II Pet. 3:9** - The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
 3. He also tells us how we can be saved.
 - a. **Mt. 7:21** - Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
 - b. **Js. 1:22-25** - But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. {23} For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; {24} for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. {25} But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

III. I am the life."

- A. The purpose of Jesus coming into this world was to give us eternal life.
1. **Jn. 1:4** - In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
 2. **Jn. 5:24-29** - Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. {25} Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. {26} For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to

have life in Himself, {27} and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. {28} Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice {29} and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

3. **Jn. 10:1** - I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.
 4. **Jn. 11:25-26** (to Martha) - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. {26} And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
 5. **Lk. 19:10** - for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- B. Without Christ we would have died eternally in our sins.
1. **Rom. 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 2. **Rom. 8:10** - And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
 3. **I Cor. 15:22** - For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
 4. **I Jn. 4:9** - In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
- C. We obtain that eternal life when we believe in Him.
1. It is only through Jesus that we have eternal life.
 2. **Jn. 17:1-3** - Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, {2} as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. {3} And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."
 3. **I Cor. 15:57** - But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Conclusion:

Jesus is the way of salvation. He has given us the truth through His word. It is through Him that we can have eternal life.