
Romans 11:33

INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Ashland Church of Christ 2008



Christ — Keeping Our Focus 'No One Comes to the Father Except Through Me'

Text: John 14:6

Key Text: John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

Introduction:

- 1) The statement made by Jesus in John 14:6 is a great affirmation.
- 2) Notice the context:
 - a) In John 13, Jesus has identified Judas as the one to betray him and prophesies Peter will deny Him three times.
 - b) With the tensions mounting, Jesus makes a statement of comfort in John 14:1.
 - c) True belief in God will dispel lots of difficulties.
 - d) He makes a provision of many mansions.
 - e) He makes a promise that He will come again.
- 3) How do we get the provision — John 14:6 (notice it is in response to Thomas' question in verse 5).

I. The way.

A. Matthew 7:13-14.

B. The way:

1. The definite article is used.
 2. The singular noun – He is the way; there is no other way.
 - C. Isaiah 30:1.
 - D. There are no 'different ways' for people who choose to believe in God.
 - E. What does this say about man-made religions?
- II. **The truth.**
- A. John 8:32.
 - B. Proverbs 23:23.
 - C. What do we know about truth?
 1. It is absolute — two opposing statements cannot both be right.
 2. It is narrow — one can be close to the truth but still wrong.
 3. Justice, mercy, and peace, all demand truth.
 - D. The constant nature of truth gives us assurance.
 - E. The competence of God is founded in truth.
- III. **The life.**
- A. Christ is the source of our life:
 1. John 1:4.
 2. John 6:50-51.
 - B. Christ is the source of abundant life (John 10:10).
 - C. The way of which Christ spoke in this context is through Him.
 - D. Hence, we focus on what God desires (Romans 8:6).
 - E. Notice, the way to this abundant eternal life is through truth.

'No one comes to the Father except through Me.'