

One Way To One God

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men the testimony given in its proper time.”

(1Timothy2:5-6)

All the way reaches Rome! This is a famous statement to an excuse. Most of us have heard this saying. Rome is a famous and a prosperous place in the world that everyone is dreaming to reach to enter a final and ultimate rest. All the way leads to Rome! A famous excuse given for a negative reason. You are told to reach Rome by all means; either sailing by the sea, riding on a car or train on the ground, or on a new and fastest means by an airplane. But, only to find out that you may directly or indirectly travel at your own cost and risk.

All religions lead to God! This is another statement that unfortunately many they claim but later to find a negative result. It is an excuse to a bad reason. There are thousands of religions known to men, but there is only one way that leads us to God all the way through!

1. For there is one God: There is countless number of gods in the world. But there is only one true and living God; the creator of heaven and earth. All things were created by Him and everything belongs to Him. There are false gods and fake lords. They are evil spirits from the kingdom of darkness. They present themselves as God but they are useless and hopeless gods! Their endeavour is to confuse the people and to make them believe that they are true Gods.

The story of these Gods is not a recent one. These false gods are known as idols. They are made of any material; wood, stone, gold, silver, etc, and by the hands of men. In the Bible there are many figures and names mentioned like the queen of heaven, ashtaroht, misroch, the ashera pole, baal, the golden calf, and many more. These gods are the manifestation of the kingdom of darkness. They are all the work and the lies of Satan who try to take the attention of people to worship him by worshipping and praising the false gods.

The chosen people of God to whom He was pleased to give the promise were endanger of falling into this trap, worshipping false gods or idols made in different figures, pictures, statues, icons, jewels, finery, signet, ring, etc. These things were worshipped by the other nations who were living in the promise land. But God emphasized to His people that they ought not to follow other gods; ***‘You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water below.’*** (Deutonomy5:7,8) ***‘You saw no form of any kind the day the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore watch yourselves very carefully, so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like man or woman, or like any***

animal on earth or any bird that flies in the air, or like creatures that moves along the ground or any fish in the waters below. And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars-all the heavenly array do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshipping things the Lord your God has appointed to all the nations under heaven.” (Deutonomy4:15-19)

2. One mediator between God and men: God is above all. And while men worship idols the gap between man and God became wider and farther. The hatred between God and man needs to be bridged and must reach the state of reconciliation. There must be a means, there must be a bridge, and there must be a mediator doing the task. But again there is only one mediator needed. In this world you hear about many names trying to mediate or bridge the gap between man and God. But my utmost concern is, if there are many ways all lead to Rome, there is only one way to one and only true and living God. ***“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’*** (John14:6)

3. The man Christ Jesus: He is the anointed One of God and whom God chose to save humankind from the iron smelting furnace, the hell and eternal fire. ***“For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the Cross.”*** (Colossians1:19-20)

Three points here to be emphasized about Christ Jesus:

A. He gave Himself as a ransom: All gods and idols of the world, they require from the people offering and sacrifices. But the Lord God offered His own Son on the cross as a ransom. Jesus became a lamb for offering.

B. He is a ransom for all men: Christ died for everyone. All the nations whatever their religions and cultural background have the right to reach God through Jesus and to have eternal life. Christian faith cannot be reserved to one sect or nation. It must be universal.

C. He is a testimony at proper time: ***‘He saw that there was no one, He was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so His own arm worked salvation for Him, and His own righteousness sustained Him.’*** (Isaiah59:16) No one can give salvation except the true God by believing in His son Jesus’ death on the cross; He who died and bore our sins and resurrected on the third day.

My dear and beloved: We will conclude the message with part of Paul’s letter to Timothy. ***“This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle I am telling the truth, I am not lying and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.”*** (1Timothy2:3,4,7) *God Bless You as you agree to pray.*

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I am coming to you, I repent from all my sins and throwing away all the idols that I have and the other gods that I worship knowing that they are false and only in Jesus is the truth. Accept me as your child in Your Kingdom, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*