

Is Your Faith In Jesus?

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Just before going to the cross, Jesus boldly asserted, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6)

Some persons say that all religions are paths to the same destiny. They believe that being sincere is the most important ingredient of religious faith. Jesus disagrees. He says that he is the only door to God. (John 10)

If a hiker comes to a stream with a plank across it and wants to get to the other side, there are only two things that really matter; the strength of the plank and his willingness to walk across it. Although he may cross it apprehensively, if it is a strong plank it will keep him out of the stream.

But what happens if it is a weak plank that cannot support his weight? Even though he may walk across it with all confidence and sincerity, he is headed for a sudden baptism.

The rule of the plank is this: A weak faith in a strong plank will always get you across the stream, but a strong faith in a weak plank will always get you in the stream.

The level of our sincerity is not nearly as important as the object of our trust. When we reach the great judgment hall of God, our sincerity will not be enough to tip the scales in our favor. The Bible says that salvation comes only through faith in Jesus.

In their quest for the truth, some persons try to add the teachings of other prophets or religious teachers to those of Christ. However, by doing so they render powerless the whole point of the Christian religion – that Jesus came from heaven to be the only Savior of the world.

Adding fine white sand to pure sugar will not increase the amount of sugar. Instead, it will pollute the sugar. If sugar is pure, there is nothing that can be added to it to make it purer.

Likewise, it is impossible to form a religion that mixes Christianity with the best from the other religions of the world. If Jesus told the truth, there is no need to add other holy books or religious beliefs to what he taught. On the other hand, if he lied his teachings aren't worth anything at all and ought to be forgotten.

Some Christians are miserable in their faith. They go to church just enough to hear Jesus' claims to be the only Savior of the world, but they don't act upon his claims.

They are like the young man who could not decide whether to join the North or the South during the Civil War. Finally he put on a gray shirt and blue trousers, and promptly got shot in both ends.

The spiritual quest for inward peace need not take us around the world. People who really believe that Jesus is the only way to God find inward peace by dedicating their lives to him.