

Proverbs 16:25 gives us a very definite answer to the question of finding our own way by our own thinking and feelings.

Jesus Christ says that He has all authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18-19)

Jesus tells us to go; and as you go about your daily activities, TEACH, and...

...do what??

(You please read it to see His instructions... you tell me what it says.)

Jesus Christ says that He is the WAY; and He gives us TRUTH in our direction; AND He gives us LIFE.

No one can come to the Father in heaven except through Jesus Christ, John 14:6.

WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

Eternal life is to know the Father and to know the Son. (John 17:3)

WHO are the ones whom Jesus says, “Knows Him”? Those who do what? (Please read 1 John 2:4, and YOU tell ME the answer to my question.)

WHO are the ones who will NOT enter into heaven? AND, “So what is the problem if I do NOT care about going to heaven?”

In II Thessalonians 1:6-9, the apostle Paul tells us that those who do not know God and who do not obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ are in DEEP TROUBLE!

Eternal destruction is described as a Lake of Fire etc.: Revelation 21:8, Mark 9:44, II Peter 2:4-11; 3:10, and II Thessalonians 1:7-9.

You may say: “Well, I gave my heart to Jesus and got saved (on a certain date you recall). I know I got saved because I can feel it in my heart!”

That is all very interesting, a good step in the right direction, I would say. Let me add to your comments the details of what Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23. Again, Jesus makes a strong point of the words “to know.” All our good works do NOT SAVE US! Jesus must know us and we have to know him!

Notice that the apostle Paul tells us that he lived in good conscience towards God all his life, even when he was killing Christians and putting many into prison, Acts 23:1.

Our feelings are NOT a reliable guide for us to follow. Again, in Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus tells us that calling Him “Lord” and doing many mighty works for Jesus DOES NOT save us. Jesus said that we must DO the will of the Father and that He and the Father must know us.

What is it “to KNOW the Father” and “to KNOW the Son”? “To know” a person is a much closer relationship than just a “How-do-you-do? My name’s Joe.”

“To know” means a very close relationship. Please read John 14:7-10.

“To know” a person is to trust, to understand the other person’s views, ideas and reasonings. Also, to love and appreciate the one whom you “know.” This concept gives much more meaning to John 17:3 – “to know” the Father and “to know” the Son IS eternal life.

Now, please read again 1 John 2:4. As we read near the top of page 3 asking the question: Who ARE the ones who “Knows God and knows Jesus?” Did you find the answer to this very important question? If so, write it down.

II Thessalonians 1:8-9 states that we must know God and we must obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So – to enter heaven there are three things which we must do:

- Know God;
- Obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and
- Remain faithful: endure to the end!

That sounds easy. But here is an important question: What IS the Gospel of Jesus Christ??

... give up?

Please turn to 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. The words which Paul preached to them:

- NOT a dream,
- NOT a vision,
- NOT an intuitive thought
- NOT even an angel coming down from heaven giving new revelation.

NOTICE: Paul preached WORDS.

(Like Jesus said in Matthew 7:24, “If you hear my words and DO them, you are like a wise man who builds his house upon a rock.

And in v. 26 we read: “If you hear my words and do NOT do them, you are like a foolish man who builds his house upon the sand.” Vs. 28-29: “The people were amazed at Jesus’ teaching because he taught as one having authority.”

Please also read Matthew 28:18 – Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Now – back to I Corinthians 15:1-4. The people believed the message which Paul preached, and Paul states that they are saved by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, IF they hold fast to it (don’t quit). (We must remain faithful to the end of our lives on this earth.)

So now, you please read I Corinthians 15:1-4 and you tell me—what IS the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

“FIRST IMPORTANCE is:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

And this leads us to the big question: How do you obey the death, burial and the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

... give up??

Please turn to Romans 6:1-11. Paul states: “Do you not know that ... you are buried with Christ? ...and so, as we are buried with Christ, we will also be raised through Him.” And v. 6, we are “united with Christ” in this manner. Therefore, if we do not OBEY the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then we are NOT united with Him. So now, you please tell me if that is what it says.

Please go to my web site and study my B.I.B.L.E. paper: “Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.” My web site: www.refugeinChrist.net I welcome your questions and your comments.

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A LOOONNGG →→→→ TIME!

{No, actually there IS no time there.}

Whatever your plans:

- Do you know how to get there?
- Do you know the way? (Read Proverbs 14:12 !!)
- What is your road map or your flight plan?
- Do you know which gate to enter?
- Do you have the key to that gate?

What is your road map to find your way?

What authority do you depend on for the accuracy of your map or your flight plan?

Do you depend upon a certain church or a church council?

What about a certain priest or minister. ... a good friend? ...How about your own feelings, understanding and knowledge of the Bible?