

“How to Get to Heaven
John 14:1-6
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I. Introduction

- A. A recent poll conducted by USA Today showed that a large percent of Americans believe in Heaven (about eighty percent). Seventy-two percent of those polled rated their chances of getting to Heaven as good to excellent. These same people said that only 60 percent of their friends will go to Heaven.
 - 1. Do you believe in Heaven?
 - 2. Do you believe you will go to Heaven when you die?
- B. In these verses, Jesus talked about Heaven
 - 1. It is a real place
 - 2. It is called “My Father’s House” (v. 2)
 - 3. It is a prepared place (v. 3)
- C. How do we get to Heaven?
 - 1. The question (vv. 4-5)
 - 2. The answer (v.6)
 - 3. How do we get to Heaven?
 - a) Jesus
 - b) He’s the way, the truth, the life
 - c) Jesus adds that “no one comes to the Father except through Me.”
 - 4. Some say that it’s too exclusive or narrow and Jesus cannot be the only way to the Father or Heaven
 - a) Why not?
 - 5. What Jesus says is exclusive, but it shouldn’t be offensive
 - a) It’s true
 - b) It is what mankind needs most
 - c) These words of Jesus meet man’s greatest need
 - 1) Before sin entered the world, Adam and Eve enjoyed three things in their relationship with God
 - a. Fellowship or communion with God
 - b. They knew the truth about God
 - c. They possessed the life of God
 - d. When they disobeyed God and fell into sin, they lost this privilege. Instead of enjoying communion with God, they experienced alienation from Him. Instead of knowing the truth, they fell into falsehood and error. Instead of possessing life, they began to know death.
 - e. The cool thing about these words of Jesus is that He meets man’s greatest need on each of these three levels

II. We Are Separated from God—Jesus is the Way

- A. Why are we separated from God?
 - 1. Sin

2. Jesus died on the cross to remove my sin and reconcile me back to God
 - a) Through Jesus, our sins are removed as far as the east is from the west
 - 1) (Psalm 103:12)
3. John the Baptist- “Behold the Lamb of God”
4. Jesus has made provision for our sins on the cross. Don’t let pride keep you from Him
 - a) Jesus not only is the way to be cleansed and forgiven; He is the way to the Father and the Father’s House (heaven)
 - b) He’s not a way, but the way
5. It is foolish to find another way. There is no other way
 - a) People try to find God through nature
 - b) People try to be good enough to go to Heaven
 - c) People try religion
 - 1) We are not saved by precepts; we are saved by a person. Jesus is the way
 - 2) If you’re lost, He is the way

III. We Are Ignorant of God—Jesus is the Truth

- A. Today it is popular to say “there is no truth” or “there is no absolute truth”
 1. Jesus said, “I am the truth”
 2. In what way is Jesus the truth?
 - a) Adam and Eve fell because they believed Satan’s lie
 - 1) “Did God really say that”
 - 2) “You won’t die”
 - 3) “You will be as God”
 3. Paul says in Romans 1:25- “They exchanged the truth about God for the lie”
 - a) Satan’s lies are the same today
 4. Jesus is the truth about God
 - a) Because He is God
 - b) He reveals the Father (vv. 7-9)
 - 1) He’s personal
 - 2) He’s loving
 - 3) He’s gracious
 - 4) He’s merciful
 - 5) He loves you

IV. We Are Dead Spiritually—Jesus is the Life

- A. We are lost
 1. Jesus is the way
 2. We are deceived
 - a) Jesus is the truth
 3. We are dead
 - a) Jesus is the life
 4. God told Adam and Eve, “The day you eat you will surely die”
 - a) The Bible teaches that before we come to Jesus Christ, we are dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1)

- b) We must be born again (John 3)
 - 1) Illustration- The Prodigal Son
 - 2) How about you?
- 5. Where are you going?
 - a) Heaven or Hell?
 - b) Jesus is the way to Heaven
 - c) All other paths lead to despair. No other way can be found
- 6. Do you know the truth?
 - a) Jesus said, “I am the truth”
 - b) The truth will set you free
 - c) Lies will keep you in bondage and fear
- 7. Do you have eternal life?
 - a) (John 3:16)
 - b) (John 3:36)

V. Conclusion

- A. Realize
 - 1. I have sinned
- B. Believe
 - 1. Jesus died for me on the cross
- C. Receive
 - 1. Jesus was my Savior