

PATHWAY TO PEACE

JOHN 14:1-6

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We have a navigation problem; we are looking for peace, but our compass is broken. We use our heart as a guide to peace. The problem is that our hearts, are flawed.

Jeremiah 17:9 *“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”*

John 14:1-4 *Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. 2 If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.”*

- Jesus is reminding His disciples that the path to the Father and to the peace He offers, lies through the Son.
- He is going away to prepare a place for them. His departure is for their benefit.
- He is also reminding them of the unbreakable link between Christ Jesus and the Heavenly father.

John 14:5-6 *“No, we don't know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.”*

Thomas wants to know the way, the next steps, the points to check off. But Jesus responds with... 6 *Jesus told him, “I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.”*

- Jesus is *THE WAY!*

- If you have chosen to follow the world, you have chosen the way that leads to destruction and that offers NO PEACE.
- If you have never surrendered your life to Christ, you are on this path, whether you choose it or not.
- Without a relationship with God, provided through the sacrificial death of the Son, we have no access to an eternity with God, the ultimate in peace.

For the Christ Follower

As a follower of Christ, we can still struggle with a lack of peace in our lives. We struggle with whether or not the daily decisions we make will bring us closer to God and closer to peace with Him or not.

Two questions we can ask when we are seeking peace and seeking God hand in hand.

1. Does God's Word speak to this issue?
2. Do God's people speak to this issue?

PEACE is amongst the most sought-after things in all of life. But the only way to attain, true lasting peace is through the Father. Christ's desire is for you to know the Father and to have access to the peace that He desires for you to have in Him.

John 14:27 *"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."*

Prayer: "I confess my sin, and I believe You are God, my Savior. I receive You into my life as my Lord. Today, I'm turning every part of my life over to You. I want to follow You and do what You tell me to do. In Jesus' Name. Amen."