

Paul's Epistle... "One Way, One Name, One Door"

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There is nothing more fundamental to the Christian faith than the belief that salvation is available only through the atoning work of Christ. Only He can provide forgiveness for sins and thereby provide the way for an eternity in heaven with Him. That's why findings in the most recent U. S. Religious Landscape Study* by Pew Research are so shocking. The survey – which covered an amazingly large sample, 35,071 American adults – found the following: 80 percent of mainline Protestants believed that many religions, not just their own, can lead to eternal life. 79 percent of Catholics believe this. 52 percent of those identified as evangelical Christians (more than half!) actually said they believe that many religions can lead to eternal life.

Say what? What are these people hearing in their churches? Haven't these people read their Bibles? Ever? Similar findings in another Pew study eight years ago prompted the president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, Albert Mohler, to call this "a theological crisis for American evangelicals. [These findings] represent at best a misunderstanding of the Gospel and at worst a repudiation of the Gospel."

All of this is one reason why I'm so happy the Down East Boys recently had good radio success with their song called "One Way, One Name, One Door." The lyrics, composed by songwriter Roger Duncan, say it all:

(vs. 1)

In this modern day we've living in
Some people now are proclaiming
There's many roads to Heaven you can take.
But if you really want to know
The truth about this matter, oh,
Then brother let me tell you
What my Bible has to say:

(Chorus)

There's only one way that you'll ever get to Heaven
Only one way that you'll ever see that land.
Only one name whereby we can find salvation.
Only one name with the power to rise again.
Only one door that will lead you to that city.
Only one door that will open wide the gates.
My brother, you can find all three
In Jesus Christ my Lord,
One way, one name, one door.

(vs. 2)

Now they say that there's no difference in
The gods of other religions
And Jesus Christ, they're pretty much the same.
That's when I remind them of a tomb
That's empty in Jerusalem.
And that my Savior is the only one alive today.

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The "Way" reference is from John 14:6 – "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" The "Name" reference comes from Acts 4:12 – "...there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Also from John 3:18 – "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." And the "Door" reference comes from John 10:7 – "Then Jesus said to them again, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.'"

Despite what society – even much of so-called "Christian" society – is saying these days, this is one matter on which there is absolutely no "wiggle room" for any Bible-believing Christian. Christ is absolutely the only Way, the only Name and the only "Door." There is no other.
- Paul Heil

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