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## WHY IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY?

By Richard Graves

As the Bible prophetically speaks truth (Gal 1:6, 1 Tim 4:1-2), today's Church is being confronted by an increasingly anti-Christ worldview, and this worldview appears to be affecting how Christians answer this question.

Now of course, we know that JESUS IS the ONLY way that one can be saved, and enter the Kingdom of God, however there are those who believe that Jesus is merely “a way” of “many” ways to God. This is clearly scripturally false. JESUS said in John 14:6:

*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

Further JESUS explains that any who come another way or through another door are thieves and robbers (John 10:1-7). So again, this is a question that

should easily be answered by a believer, however, many professing Christians would say that JESUS is not the only way to our Father. Now as far as an unbeliever holding this point of view, that can be expected, but why do we find this point of view being declared by many so-called believers more and more in these times?

Church leadership is partially responsible for this, some circles and even some prominent Christian leaders have been expressing that JESUS is not the only way. The media also comes into play; especially post 9-11, trying to paint Islam and other world religions as one of many paths to God, all equally valid. Lately, in the “spirit” of being politically correct or politically expedient, many believers are swaying when it comes to the most fundamental tenant of the faith we have.

In the Old Testament, there are

many prophecies about our Lord and Savior, written hundreds of years before his birth, one of these is Isaiah 49:6, which reads:

*“And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.”*

This scripture clearly states THOU (servant) as his (God's) salvation to the end of the earth now this is a singular not a plural. It is revealed to those who believe that this THOU (servant) is JESUS. Not “servants”, no Buddha, Muhammad, Krishna, or whomever.

Of this we must be stand fast. ALL believers are called to

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## BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

by Richard Graves

There are those of other faiths who say that Christianity has no rules; they believe that Christians can do what they want as long as they repent. In answer to this, some believers attempt to compensate by trying to follow the mitzvahs in the Torah (the Law) to the letter, some try to compensate by saying, we are saved by Grace and this covers all. We are saved by Grace, however

after we are saved, deliverance and sanctification should follow because believers should break fellowship with sinful behavior. JESUS said in Matthew 5:48

*“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”*

To accomplish this, a Christian must be SPIRIT LED.

Believers are to be LED BY THE SPIRIT and to exemplify the fruit of the Spirit, as listed in Galatians 5:22-23. If we are LED BY THE SPIRIT, then we are in line with the perfect will of God.

Oft times we either do not listen to the Spirit or as the Bible says, we quench the Spirit.

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### Ephesians 4:12

*“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ”*



# BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

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JESUS says here in John 14:16-17

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

JESUS identifies the Comforter in John 14:26 as the Holy Ghost. The Bible expands upon this further in 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 3:16:

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of

## God dwelleth in you? “

HE (The Holy Ghost) IS IN EVERY BELIEVER, and EVERY BELIEVER should focus on BEING LED BY HIM, for as the Bible states in Romans 8:14:

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

How are we Led by Spirit? We are to pray, fast and meditate on God’s word, with a desire to be in fellowship with our Father. By doing this we feed our re-born spirit. As we feed our spirit with the things of God, the more we will be Led by him, and the less we will be led by

our natural self. Other religions have elaborate systems of traditions, rules and regulations in order to appear godly, while we have the one thing that they cannot have. Relationship with our Father, not dead religion. We have The Holy Ghost, the Spirit of the Most High God that lives in us. By this we can be Led and guided.

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PREACH THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD; this message is SALVATION for JEW and GENTILE through Christ JESUS.

We are not to compromise this message for political correctness or political expediency. If we really love people, we are to tell them the TRUTH, that there is no other way to enter the Kingdom of God, but through JESUS.

Otherwise, unbelievers will go

on in the false hope that they can believe as they chose and that God will accept them. The Gospel is God’s plan for salvation for men, we can gain salvation only by God’s plan, not our own, on HIS terms not our own. However, it is popular today to try to make God’s plan fit our lifestyles instead of making our lifestyles fit God’s plan.

It is also popular today to say that everyone’s belief is valid, and true, relative to oneself. It is

not about belief, we can believe what we want, but if our belief does not line up with the TRUTH, our beliefs are nothing.

The TRUTH is that God sent JESUS, he died on the cross, and was resurrected, this we must believe if we are to be saved. If we believe, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior and repent of our sins, that is the only way to salvation.



## Christian Music Corner: “1 Sol” by Doc St. Luke & Latt’r Da’ Call

Dr. St. Luke (Dr. Forrest Robinson), Marshe’ Whaley, Minister Kristen Smith and Ethal Holloway have put together and released an incredibly anointed CD. Each track is jazzy and soulful, easy to listen to with powerful lyrics that press forward with the message of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Whether you are young or old, contemporary or traditional there is something you will enjoy on

this collection of songs.

Many clever metaphors pepper this outstanding work. Tracks “CPR” and “ICU” have a lyrical and musical balance that convey the Spirit in line and note. My personal favorite is track 3, “Nite Prayer”, on this track I can feel the Holy Spirit in the vocals and in the composition of the music, all woven together to lift your soul. I encourage you to add this CD to your Gospel / Christian

collection.

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## Christian Book Corner: "Who Hath Bewitched You?" review by: Christopher Visor

"Who Hath Bewitched You?" Indeed, a provocative question for today's church as it was for the Galatians. Today's church deals with many attacks from the enemy in many forms. This book deals with a multitude of topics.

Author Evangelist Richard Graves explores many religions, movements, philosophies and doctrines in today's world that constantly bombard the Church. This book examines Islam, Judaism, Freemasonry, Kabbala, Sufism, and other topics. This book is a must read for believers and non-believers alike.

Some churches teach on these

topics, some do not. However, these matters are real and need to be addressed for believers of all denominations and walks of life to understand the TRUE nature of these things. The author addresses these topics in a concise non-exhaustive format. Easy reference for quick access.

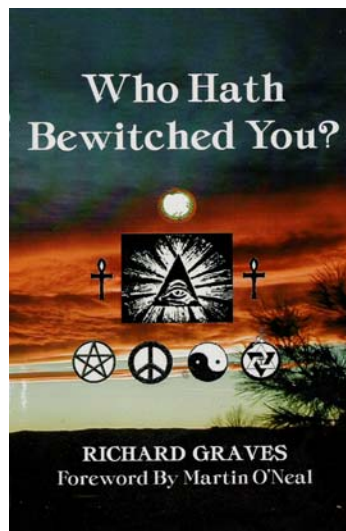
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## SALVATION FROM THE OT to the NT (part 1)

by Richard Graves

To understand the PATH of SALVATION and the REASON for it, and in sharing the Gospel with those of the faith of Judaism and others, it is helpful to understand the nature of the Mosaic Covenant (given at Sinai).

The covenant (when you read the books of Law, the Torah or the Pentateuch as it is called) you see that it was an IF / THEN situation. God would say to the people, IF you keep my cove-

nant, THEN I will BLESS you, If you DO NOT then (basically speaking) I will Curse you. To quote him specifically from the Torah in this regard:

Deuteronomy 28:45

"Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:"

1st God tells Moses that the Jews / Hebrews (Israelites) WOULD NOT keep this covenant. Next God tells Moses (Moshe) what will happen with Israel in

Deut 31:16

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be

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## PRAYER REQUEST & PRAYER REMINDERS:

**Let us remember in prayer, the American Service men and women in Iraq and the Iraqi People**

Often times, we all get caught up in our own lives, and the lives of those close around us, and we forget about those whose situations that are graver than our own, or even those of people close to us. So we dedicate this section to bring to our remembrance some of these people and situations.

**Father God, In the MIGHTY name of JESUS we come before you. Father, we praise you and**

**thank you for all we have here at home, as we ask you Lord to Forgive our sins of omission and commission Lord, Father we ask you in the MIGHTY name of JESUS to protect the servicemen and women in Iraq and all over the world, we ask and pray for peace in the world that they may come home to their families quickly, and we ask that you comfort those who have lost love ones, both Ameri-**

**can and Iraqi in this conflict, we pray Father that the country of Iraq be healed Lord, and we pray Lord that many in Iraq and in America, and also all around the World, find the true peace in Christ Jesus that we have for themselves. IN THE MIGHTY name of JESUS we pray Father, Amen.**

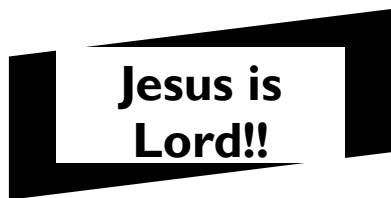


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**SALVATION FROM THE OT to the NT (part 1)**

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among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them"

Moses then reiterates this to the people, here in Deut 31:29

"For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands."

So this is definitely going to happen at some point after Moses dies. Now latter in the Ketivum (writings) and the Nevi'im (Prophets) we see this punishment eventually come. Now during this time God makes some promises. In the Books of Law God sets up the redemption

of the people LONG before Moses was even around.

THIS we find by paying VERY close attention to the prophecies of the OT (Tanakh): Here is a map for the meaning of certain names, to see the Prophetic Picture of the Messiah and to Spiritually see God's plan for the KINGDOM:

Gen. 29:35

"And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name JUDAH; and left bearing"

So we see JUDAH means to PRAISE the LORD. A very simple, yet POWERFUL tool to get in relationship with the Father. This King David (who was also of he Tribe of JUDAH) did OF-TEN, as should WE.

Next we see a Prophecy to JUDAH from JACOB, Gen. 49:8-10, look at some of these words of PROPHECY to JUDAH:

In verse 8, "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: THY HAND SHALL BE IN THE NECK OF THINE ENEMIES; THY FATHER'S CHILDREN SHALL BOW DOWN BEFORE THEE."

So we see that the KING of ISRAEL (or God's people) WILL be from JUDAH (As Jesus / Yeshua IS) HaMoshiach Adonai (Messiah / King)

*(to be continued in next months newsletter)*