

Ephesians 4:4-10

1 "One God-One Salvation"

One Point Sermon: One God-One Salvation (JESUS)

2 Introduction: Boat wouldn't start. Needed a battery. Not just any battery. Not AAA, not AA, not even 20 D Batteries. . Story of how I got the wrong battery.

There was one essential piece that was missing. People can live very moral lives, but if they are missing the one essential piece which is salvation by grace through Jesus the point is missed.

More than a point. . Their life, and future, are missing their purpose. What is this purpose?

3 VS 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

4 Call (To Call by Name/ Invite and bring) kahlayoh
Calling (Divine invitation to embrace salvation) klaysehs

5 HOPE Psalm 42-43

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God. (REPEATED 3x) vs5,11,5

6 My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. Psalm 119:81

7 One God → One Salvation this is where our hope is

8 VS5-6 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

If Jesus Christ is who He says He is, GOD,

9 Creator, Redeemer, Resurrected Savior, Then HE IS THE ONLY WAY

It seems so narrow to be only one way to God.

10 There is no better way for God to bring people to Himself than through Himself.

11 If there was any other way for man to be saved and have restored communion with God. . . **JESUS WOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED TO DIE.**

I need to know everything about God before I bite down on this.

TO know everything about God, would make him something that can fit into the construct of your own logic and comprehension. IS something so attainable, and able to be understood then able to be Lord over you?

Imagine when you were a kid and didn't understand WHY your parents didn't let you do something. .

Our culture is one that is very against this idea of there being only one way to God. IT makes the "equal footing"

12 "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal that are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"

Biblical concept

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

Romans 10:12

*Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,^[e] free; but **Christ is all, and in all.** Colossians 3:11*

*Concept of Christ is all and in all, over all, through all, and in all
(The life of the believer)*

"All ideas are created equal"

**The twisting of what is true
pursuit of happiness=indulging the flesh**

Every idea does NOT carry with it the same weight.

13 $4+4=27$ $4+4=8$

Rebottle There are “multiple solutions to get to the answer 8”

$5+3=8$ $6+2=8$ $493-485=8$ $984/123=8$

14 The equations are limitless!

BUT notice what remains the same in all these equations. . The 8. .

15 Jesus says “This is eternal life to know God and Him who He sent
We all have different stories (equations) of how God got a hold of
our hearts. We all have different means of how we have come to
know Jesus as Savior, but that is what remains constant. Jesus as
the one who takes away the sins of the world, giving salvation and
providing a way for mankind to have relationship with God.

16 “The more time and devotion one spends in the
worship of false gods, the less he is able to spend in that
of the True One.” - Isaac Newton

Christians often take the fall of this ONE-WAY idea.

Islam is Exclusive **Buddhist** religious exclusivism may be
seen in the implication that those who do not accept the
teachings of the Buddha, such as the [Eightfold Path](#), are destined
to repeat the cycle of suffering through endless reincarnations

17 “All earth's candles cannot make daylight if the Sun of
Righteousness be eclipsed. He is the soul of our soul, the light of
our light, the life of our life.” - Charles Spurgeon

18 “We are so patient with our sins, but not the sins of others” –
Billy

19-20 **Romans 8:6-11** For to set the mind on the flesh is
death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **For the
mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God**, for it does not submit
to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **Those who are in the flesh cannot
please God. STOP** **WHY? Because of Jesus! You Need Him.**
This purpose that you may be able to have relationship with God

21-23 **9** You, however, are **not in the flesh but in the Spirit**, if in
fact the Spirit of **God dwells in you**. Anyone who does not have the
Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10 But if Christ is in you**,
although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life** because
of righteousness. **11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus[d] from the dead
will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who
dwells in you.**

Where does this leave the millions of people who have heard of
Jesus. IF there isn't a change, they don't have God. Hostile 2 God.
Cannot Please God.

24 **I am the WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE** **no one comes to
the Father EXCEPT through ME!** John 14:6

Geographical

**Jesus says the road to hell is broad and many are on it
Jesus says narrow is the way to salvation and few find it**

The majority of people you come across are **NEEDING JESUS**
ALL THE MORE REASON TO show others this love

25 **There aren't road signs to “Hell This Way”**

There are signs that appeal to our flesh.

There is room to take your baggage on the broad way that leads to
destruction. **BUT NARROW** is the way
Discern the idols of the heart
Discern the idols of the culture
Discern the idols of your city
Discern the idols around you

26 “Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as
much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else.” –
Charles Spurgeon

27 **Narrow is the GATE to Jesus.**

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy^[a] that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. **Matthew 7:13-14**

Jesus is the only way to heaven

28 Jesus is unique in his existence

Existed before time began

Prophecy

Birth (born of a virgin)

Only Jesus was both MAN AND GOD

Unique in His Mission (To save mankind from their sins)

Power to Forgive Sin

Only Jesus unique in His reign

IF ANYONE HERE DOESN'T HAVE JESUS YOU NEED TO GET HIM

How do you "Get Jesus?" It comes through a gift called GRACE.

29-30 **VS 7-10** But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of

Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,

and he gave gifts to men."^[a]

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?^[b] ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; Ephesians 2:8

Jesus lives out what we call the GOSPEL! THE GOOD NEWS! IT IS IN ITSELF IS A GIFT! ANYONE CAN RECEIVE IT!

Not something you earn, it is something you receive. X2

Grace was given to each one of us.

31 **G.R.A.C.E.** Grace changes everything!

Christ paid for that on the cross

And gives you ALL OF HIMSELF

GIVE ALL OF YOURSELF TO HIM!

The goal of the Christian life is not to be disciplined for good deeds, and to appear that you have reached some form of "enlightenment, or becoming a better person" but rather daily grow in a deeper love for God who gives you the gift of who He is.

32 **Diving into a Lake Analogy, You can't just dive part way in**

Do not wait to Dive in!

Belong to Him

To belong in Christ is to give up your whole self and receive all of Christ by welcoming His tender arms of compassion and love by growing to know Him for all eternity.

33 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" – John 17:3

Receive it!

In the Morning when I rise give me Jesus.

God descending

34 If God wanted to bring people to Himself wouldn't it make the most sense if He came as Himself? He came from Heaven, (closest proximity of relationship with God) to Earth (to enter into closest proximity of relationship with man)

Jesus offers the Long-Term fix, because he is not content with the Short-Term.



35 The more you increase your appetite of the things of the world the more you will seek after them

Likewise, the more your appetite for the Lord increases so will you continue to seek after him.

36 “Draw near to me and I will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands you sinners, and purify your hearts you double-minded.

James 4:8

That he might FILL ALL THINGS

37-38 Conclusion:

Recap: One God- One Salvation

Exhortation: Trust in the Lord with ALL OF YOUR HEART and LEAN not on your own understanding, in all of your ways acknowledge him and HE will direct your paths! Proverbs 3:5=6

Elevation: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Adoration: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. For He indeed is coming again, so let our prayer be Come, Lord Jesus Come. Come.