

His Way

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John 8:21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

There is some kind of notion among men that Jesus Christ is out there just looking for any way that He might point to, whereby people might find Him and be saved. This notion entertains the idea that, to accommodate humanity, Christ has concocted a hundreds of ways for people to get to Him. Many people who have this mistaken idea believe that this explains the multitude of different denominations and religious orders that fall under the name “Christian.” But, I want to go on record as saying that this is not the explanation for this hydra-headed anomaly we casually call “Christian religion.” Rather, I believe that the real explanation for this anomaly is found in this very text verse, in the profound phrase, “...ye will seek me...” we are looking at. So, we want to consider Christ’s words here and think about what He is warning these religious people about.

I. First Jesus said to them, “I go my way.” Based on that statement we want to note that there is a way that Jesus Christ has defined.

- Christ Himself, as well as faithful inspired writers have described that way and given specific guidance about what that way is (here we find these zealots of the Jews religion literally rejecting the pathway that Christ points to; He points to the path in **v.24** - “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.”
 - ▶ That way of Christ is the way of the new birth, through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, giving faith to a person to believe solely in the work of Christ, and the Christ of that work, as the total and only remedy for correcting the alienation of oneself from God.
 - ▶ **Col. 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet **now hath he** reconciled
 - ▶ Which means that if we want to find Christ, He will be found on the path that He has set - His way
- This way of faith trusts solely in the solutions of Christ, solely in the teachings of Christ, solely in the work of Christ
 - ▶ A drowning man will cling instinctively to a life ring. Why? Because without having to reason, there is something within him that knows and understands that his survival depends on hanging on the that life ring. Christ is like that life ring and the faith of God’s people is like that unexplainable instinctive knowing the drowning man has.

II. Christ assured these people that they would seek Him, but would die in their sins. We need to understand how this could possibly be

- ▶ Is this a contradiction with Christ’s own words “...he that seeketh findeth...?” (**Luke 11:10**). Answer: No. In this statement, Christ is talking to a group of unbelievers who had totally rejected Him as Messiah, while in the other He was addressing believers who had faith in Him.

- ▶ Truly is this biblical statement fulfilled by such people: (**Prov. 14:12**) There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
- So, what is He telling these people?
 - ▶ They would seek Him obviously in places that **they had reasoned** would be the right places
 - (the one feature about man-made salvation philosophy which is common to all is that those who teach such and follow such reject the part of God's message which makes everything dependent on God)
 - ▶ One such search: **John 5:39** Search the scriptures; for **in them** ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
 - Jewish saying: "he that begins to read in the book of the law is obliged to bless after this manner: blessed be he that has chosen us above all nations, and hath given us his law.--And he that finishes blesses after him in this manner: blessed is he who hath given us his law, the law of truth, and has planted "eternal life" in the midst of us."
 - ▶ Another place mankind seeks Christ: **Mat. 5:20** For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall **exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees**, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.
 - **Rom. 3:21-22** But now the **righteousness of God without the law** is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon **all them that believe**: for there is no difference:
 - ▶ Another place mankind seeks Christ: **Luke 3:7** Then said he to the multitude that **came forth to be baptized** of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
 - ▶ Another place where Christ will be sought is among what we would call an artificial Christ, or a Christ who is fabricated through erroneous perceptions of the carnal mind:
 - Example: Teaching of the Ascended Masters religion: They say, "There is a way, tried and true, that saints, adepts and avatars have walked. The way is universal, timeless and will reunite you to your higher self, to the most sublime consciousness of God realization that can shine through you. This is a path of individuated Christhood and Buddhahood that Jesus, Maitreya, Gautama and many others, even in civilizations long forgotten, helped forge. As you follow in their footsteps, you will become one with Christ, the universal Christos, which in Greek means "anointed." You will discover, cultivate and expand the divine spark in your heart. You will gradually become awake, enlightened and demonstrate the divine mission of every son and daughter of God."
 - "...the essence of the Cosmic Christ is innate to all sentient beings and part of his spiritual blueprint..."
 - "...Jesus or Jeheshua represent a channel and a vehicle in which a high level of initiation takes place. He represents one of the Perfect Mold in which the process of awakening and of enlightenment takes place. The Perfect Mold of a Cosmic Christ or of a Buddha exists everywhere...and remains the same, for everyone, since they are made of the same pure essence of Primordial Wisdom..."
 - "...If the Teachings are truly understood and put into practice, we will become a 'Jesus'"
 - ▶ Another area of seeking Christ by the human mind: False discoveries of, and erroneously

identifying Christ: **Mat. 24:23** Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not.

- **Mat. 24:24** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

- Another aspect of this is found in **Gal. 1:6-12** where Paul is warning about something he foresaw.

- Christ knowing that this was a perverted, self-centered seeking could say with confidence that, though they sought Him in all these wrong places, they would die in their sins.

III. Notice last, the finality of His assessment of their misdirected seeking born of a corrupted heart that rejected even considering that He was Messiah: “whither I go, ye cannot come.”

- The soul who imagines that there is some saving power in being a student of the bible cannot go where Christ is
 - ▶ One must be a student of the Christ of the bible to get any good out of the writings of the bible
- The soul who imagines that there is some saving power in a self-imposed superficial righteousness cannot go where Christ is
 - ▶ The righteousness that has saving power is the imputed righteousness of Christ; that is, Christ’s righteousness is credited to a believer, and that is the way of Christ.
- The soul who imagines there is some saving power in religious works (such as baptism) cannot go where Christ is.
 - ▶ Religious works only have spiritual importance when they are done as acts of worship and service by a person who, first of all, has faith in the Christ of the bible and as a result is led by the Spirit of God.
- The soul who imagines that there is some saving power in using the intellect of humanity to discover the way of Christ, and the essence of Christ, by which such a person transcends himself and becomes a part of the Cosmic Christ, or a part of any other so-called christ that men conjure up, cannot go where Christ is.