

## **THE ONLY PATH**

**Man is the only creature implanted with spiritual aspirations, leading him to prayer and worship. Wherever you find a man, you will find him engaged in some sort of worship. No mistake about it, something within the creature lifts itself up in response to something within the Creator. That “something” is the great mystery of the human heart, created in the image of God.**

**If a culture does not know the true Jesus Christ, it will invent its own God and worship that. It would be impossible to find any culture in any generation or in any part of the world that does not have some kind of religious tendencies and rituals. Where did that come from? Why is it that man is always looking upwards, or at least outward from himself to something greater and more magnificent than himself?**

**Down through history, man has taken many paths in his quest for God's presence, all to no avail. Only one path is correct, and that path is revealed in the Word of God. Only in the Bible do we begin to understand what these inward stirrings are, and how to find entrance into the presence of God. A right understanding of the Bible opens to us the only path into the presence of God.**

**The Holy Spirit inspired the Bible to be written. The Holy Spirit inspired the individual writers of the Bible content. God wrote the Bible as originally given, and it is a trustworthy source book of authentic truth.**

**The Bible has to do with that which deals with redemption. It is a book interested in our rescue from sin, our moral rehabilitation, and our spiritual regeneration. It is interested in keeping us right, and making us useful and causing us to grow up into the maturity of a Christian. It is interested in preparing us for the journey across from this temporal life to eternity.**

**The Bible reveals the Truth we need to know to save us from sin, to regenerate us, to rehabilitate us morally and spiritually, and to prepare us for the day of the Lord. It is all in the Word, and that is what we mean when we say the Bible is the only Source Book for our rule and practice. The Bible is the only final authentic Source Book of information concerning these things, that have to do with our salvation.**

**The Bible tells us that God created the heavens and the earth. In addition, we are told many other things that do not seem to bear directly upon our**

salvation, but that do, nevertheless, bear upon it. Revelation is the uncovering of truths that had not been known before and are undiscoverable. Read Psalm 8 for an example. The Spirit of God moved David to write this Psalm, and it has a spiritual benefit for us.

Man is the only creature that sins, and yet he is the only creature that could know he sins. And man is the only creature that knows how foolish and inconsistent he is, and he laughs at himself. He's the only creature that aspires, because there is no other creature dissatisfied with himself. Man, alone, is dissatisfied with himself.

This indicates that God made man in His own image, and of nothing else can this be said. Therefore, man aspires, and is the only creature that prays and worships. God made man to worship, and he is the only creature that God made to worship.

Jesus experienced death for every man. The Bible tells us that Jesus was born. We see that He grew to manhood. We see that He died. We see that He rose again from the dead. We see that He is saving His Church, and that there is a Church within the church.

There are redeemed people, regenerated people, blood washed people, forgiven people, people who compose the true Church. That is the Church inside the false church, the Church that God acknowledges and approves, that is within the vast Christendom, which God rejects.

Remember, you do not believe a thing rightly until you act in accordance with it. When you bring your life into line with your faith, you are a believer. But when your life is not in line with your faith, you are no true believer at all.

I want to live for that time. I want my money to live for that time. I want my talents, whatever they may be, to live for that time. I want my time to be given for that hour when he comes back again. May God grant that you and I be ready.

Man's highest aspirations are fulfilled through the revealed truth of God's Word. This truth, obeyed, will prepare the heart to come into the presence of God in worship and fellowship.