

FINDING OUR WAY

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We have all, at one time or another, found ourselves in a situation where we were trying to find our way - it may have been on vacation with our families or on a business trip. Either way, we have all been lost at some point in our lives. The scenario usually goes something like this, you find yourself driving and driving, the longer you drive the more unsettled you begin to feel. You are unfamiliar with your surroundings, to begin with, and the directions that you have do not correspond with where you are. You finally admit to yourself that you are lost and stop to ask someone for directions, in the hope of getting on the road that will point you in the right direction. At first, there is this great feeling of relief because you just know that now you are headed down the right path; only to realize the new directions you were given are also incorrect. Finally, you stop and buy a road map. You study it very carefully and learn the correct way that needs to be taken.

This situation is one that involves the physical world, but the response given is just as applicable to the spiritual. Many people wander around in this life lost spiritually because they can't find their way to the Father. They may even ask another person for directions, only to find out later those directions were also wrong. The problem in this case is the same as in the first. We often rely, too much, on the opinions and thoughts of other people when the thing we need to do is look at the road map, God's inspired Word.

After we pass from this life to the next, the time for finding our way will have passed. Whether we are successful in finding our way, to life eternal, will depend wholly upon the directions that we followed in this life. Just like in the physical world, we must follow the road map in order to find our way in the spiritual realm. The Bible is the ONLY source we can trust to give us the precise directions to heaven. Jesus said, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**" (Jn. 14:6). If we take someone else's directions we will not be able to find our way to the Father.

There has never been a man made institution that could point us, correctly, in the right direction to heaven. We have to come to the knowledge that we can put our full trust in God's word to tell us what we must do and the direction in which we must travel. Remember the words of Paul (2 Tim. 3:16-17)? If the Word of God "thoroughly" or completely furnishes us into ALL good works, what else do we need? The answer is, of course, nothing! It matters not what any one tells us if it does not coincide with what God has already told us.

God's Word is the only thing that can aid us in our journey to find the way in this life and to the next. If we desire for our eternal destination to be heaven, we must follow the road map that has been provided for us by the true God of heaven.