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Matthew 7:13-14

One of the most difficult truths of Christianity is that there's but one way to heaven: Jesus Christ. People would rather believe that all paths lead to God—and that no religion can exclude someone. But in [John 14:6](#), Jesus claimed to be “the way” and explicitly said, “No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

That raises an important question: How do we come to God through Jesus? It's not by means of religious rituals, good works, or self-effort—because even “our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment” before God ([Isaiah 64:6](#)). Scripture provides the answer: We are saved by God's grace through faith ([Ephesians 2:8](#)). And that means we must ...

- **Hear the message of the gospel.** It includes both the bad news of our sinful condition and the good news that God offers forgiveness through faith in His Son ([Ephesians 1:7](#)).
- **Acknowledge our need of a Savior.** This involves repentance and faith. We turn from our sins and believe that Jesus died to pay the penalty for our wrongdoing and then rose from the dead. Trusting in the Savior allows us to stop living for ourselves and to start living for Him instead ([Romans 6:10-11](#)).

Truly, the way to salvation is narrow, but it's the only path that leads away from condemnation and into the eternal glory of heaven.

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[John 14:1-6](#)

When Jesus told His disciples He was going away, He promised to return and take them to His Father’s house, where He had prepared a place for them. This confirms that heaven is a real

place, not some ethereal cloud where we play harps.

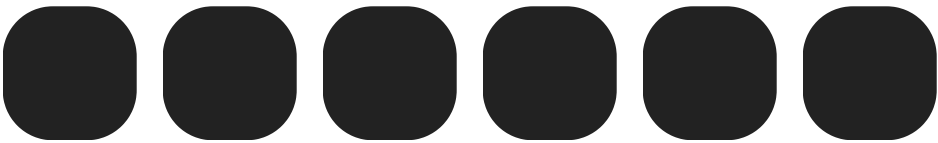
We tend to think of anything heavenly as less tangible than earth, but Scripture suggests the opposite. [Hebrews 11:10](#) tells us that by faith, Abraham “was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” And [Revelation 21:10-27](#) describes this city—called the New Jerusalem—in great detail. Unlike earth, the kingdom of heaven cannot be shaken ([Hebrews 12:27-28](#)). It exists forever, and we’ll be worshipping and serving the Lord there.

As Christians, we know our citizenship is in heaven. When we die, our spirits immediately go there ([2 Corinthians 5:8](#)), into the presence of the Lord, awaiting the immortal body we’ll be given at Christ’s return. That new body will be perfectly suited for heaven and free from the temptations, trials, heartaches, pain, and death that make life on earth so wearying. There will be rest, not from activity and fulfilling work, but from the consequences of sin that plague us here. I believe the joy we’ll experience when we finally see our Savior face to face is beyond our imagination.

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Psalm 62:1-12

In a tumultuous world, where can stability be found? We can't count on political leaders, financial institutions, healthcare providers, or any other human institution to keep us safe and secure. There is only one sure foundation, and that is the Lord our God.

David, who wrote today's psalm, lived with many dangers and trials. But he knew that with God as his stronghold, he would not be deeply shaken by earthly events. And that is true for anyone who knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He's characterized by love, justice, and faithfulness in His interactions with us. We can have great confidence because our God is self-existent and unchangeable. He knows all things, has all power, and is present everywhere.

Is your faith grounded on these truths about your Rock? Do you believe God is completely dependable in His dealings with you? Can you trust that He loves you during hard times when you're still waiting for prayers to be answered? Do you accept that His guidance is based on His unlimited knowledge and love for you, even when you don't understand or like His choices for your life? This is what constitutes a strong foundation of faith.

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[Ephesians 6:10-17](#)

Did you know that you're in a battle every day of your life? The enemy's goal is to weaken, deceive, and lead believers astray. God protects all who belong to Him, so wicked forces can never touch our salvation ([1 Peter 1:3-5](#)). But they can lead us into sin, cause discouragement, ruin our witness for Christ, and bring about other damage.

The main charge in today's passage is "Stand firm," and it's mentioned three times (Eph. 6:11; Eph. 6:13-14). Paul says the purpose of the armor of God is to enable us to stand our ground in the battle, and his list of armor would not be complete without the footwear mentioned in verse 15. The soles of a Roman soldier's sandals were studded with iron hobnails, which enabled him to stand his ground against an enemy assault.

Today our anchoring footwear is faith in the gospel, which not only grants us peace with the heavenly Father but also makes us Satan's adversaries. So plant your feet and anchor yourself on a solid foundation of faith. When we don't avail ourselves of the protection provided through Christ, we're more likely to give way in the fight and yield to Satan's temptations.

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[Psalm 26:1-12](#)

Most of us have heard testimonies of believers who were saved from a lifestyle of horrendous sin. After listening to such accounts, have you ever felt that your less dramatic testimony is somehow not as valuable? In reality, the salvation God has worked for each one of His children is equally extraordinary. No matter how good or bad one's life appears, every person is born sinful and in dire need of a Savior.

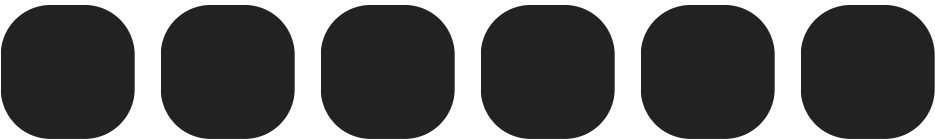
Psalm 26 is a testimony from David about his integrity and trust in the Lord. He walked in God’s truth, avoided the company of evildoers, and proclaimed His delight in the Lord. We would hardly call this psalm unimpressive. Few people can speak so honestly and confidently about their walk with the Lord, and it’s a great encouragement for us to hear from a lifelong believer.

David’s testimony reminds us to express what God has done and is doing in our life. A personal faith story is a powerful tool, both for arousing an unbeliever’s curiosity about spiritual matters and for motivating a believer to pursue holiness. No matter how commonplace our words may sound compared to someone else’s, the Lord can use them to impact listeners. You have no idea how far-reaching your “ordinary” testimony can be.

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