God's Way to Heaven

Notes

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life** with **Him**.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

3. The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION**.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

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Portrait of a Love-Driven Obedience: The Faithful, Generous Disciple

We are called to be stewards over all the earth (Genesis 1:26-28) and at the same time commanded to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20), and in doing so, we are following our Lord and Master in expanding the kingdom of God.

As Christians our goal is for all of us to obey God's commandments, wholeheartedly and with the help of the Holy Spirit. When it comes to "giving" though, statistics show that approx. 20% of Christians tithe, meaning that 80% do not practice tithing.

Tithing is a system of financial support employed in Israel during the Old Testament, and practiced by many Christians today. It has the advantage of being simple, consistent, and requiring discipline. The believer contributes 10% of his income to the church, and the church makes all the decision on distribution.

Both Old and New Testament have the same principles in terms of taking care of the full-time ministers, taking care of relatives, taking care of our brothers and sisters especially the widow in distress, orphans and aliens or strangers. Both also affirm the principle of tithing as shown for example, in Matthew 23:23. The OT records three required tithes that can total to 23.33%. In addition to the regular tithes, there is a tithe for the upkeep of the priests; and a festival tithe, when they come to Jerusalem 3x a year. In principle, if we are to follow tithe per se, then we need to remember 23.33%.

And yet, discipleship is more than tithing:

"He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none. And he who has food, let him do likewise" (Luke 3:11). That's 50% not 10%.

Zacchaeus stood and said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor" (Luke 19:8). Again 50%.

Jesus said to the rich young man, "If you would be perfect, go sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me "(Matthew 19:21). That's 100%.

"So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). Again 100%.

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:44).

"There was not a needy person among them for as many as were possessors of land or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet" (Acts 4:34).

"In a severe test of affliction their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means...and beyond their means" (2 Corinthians 8:2-3).

"Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it." Deuteronomy 10:14

WORSHIP WITH US!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to worship ♦ Praise and worship ♦ Children dismissal ♦ Sermon ♦ Communion ♦ Response song ♦ Benediction

Portrait of a Love-Driven Obedience: The Faithful, Generous Disciple *(Cont'd)*

Many are still grappling with the issue of money because of lack of Biblical knowledge. We should remind ourselves that everything belongs to God. We are but stewards, who will have to give an account of every dime we possess. The best way to capture the spirit of the New Testament generosity is simply to ask ourselves: how much will I give God? Not, how much should I keep? Because the financial issue in the church today is not only tithing, but often, it is narcissism. It's hard for us humans to let go of earthly possessions. That is why Jesus said we cannot serve (slave) two masters. It is either we love God, or we love money.

Discipleship, more than tithing, is loving our Savior. It is realizing what He has done for us and out of grateful hearts, giving what really belongs to Him. Only again to be grateful that He has given us much of what really is His. Only again to be grateful as well that He has given us a portion in the furtherance of His kingdom.

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JOIN US!

Praise and Worship Team

… is looking for musician (instruments) volunteers to join our team. If you can play an instrument, and are available to serve with the Praise and Worship Team at least once a month, we'd love to hear from you. Email us at contact@ccfvancouver.org.

A **Discipleship Group** or D-Group is a great opportunity to meet regularly with a small group of people from CCF to study the bible, pray and support each other. D-Groups meet regularly in different parts of the Lower Mainland. Connect with us at contact@ccfvancouver.org and we will find a group for you.

An Invitation to Share Your Story

Would you like to encourage one another, and give honor and glory to God through your personal testimony? Email Bryan Pinpin at ebpinpin@gmail.com.

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Prayer Request/Answered Prayer

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