

extend social acceptance to all and we support their right to religious freedom.

But if we, as followers of Jesus Christ, believe that our melting-pot attitudes extend to the view that all religious faiths are valid, we are mistaken. According to the Bible, all religious roads *do not* lead to heaven. Salvation is found in no one other than in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).

A lot of voices are urging us to accept the theory that every religion is somehow valid at its core.

Although we want to accept people of other faiths socially, we cannot accept their gods or their religious teaching. Jesus said it clearly: "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

This means that we must accept three undeniable biblical facts. *One*: The only way of salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ. *Two*: Those who reject Him are destined for hell (John 3:36). *Three*: We therefore have a huge obligation and motive for proclaiming Christ (Matthew 28:19-20).

In a world of many religions and many gods, the only way to heaven is still Jesus.

Consider:

- ◆ Do you know Him as your own Saviour from sin. Please pick up a booklet from the back table "How to Know God".
- ◆ Are you making Him known?



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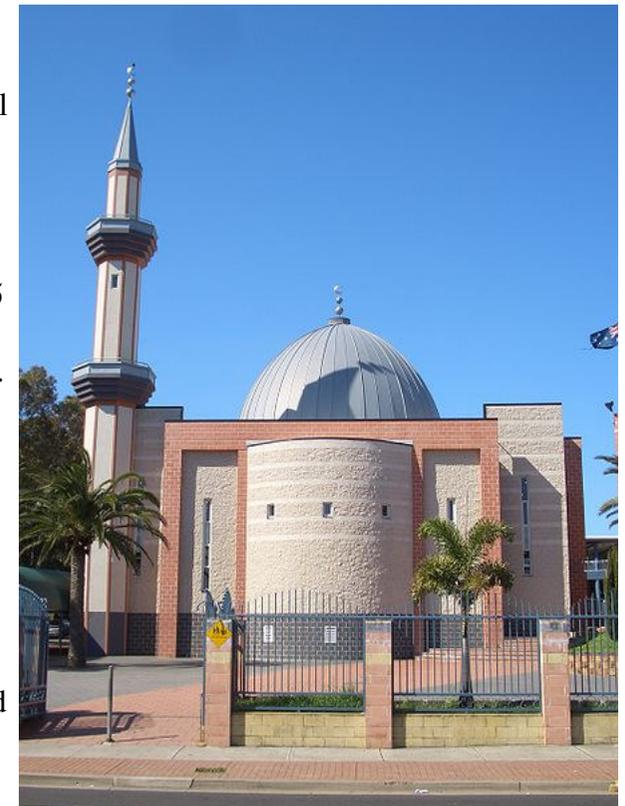
Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket**. Please ask for details.

Many Gods, One way

More and more religious groups are showing up in Australia. Classrooms at all levels have students from many ethnic and religious backgrounds. Islam is growing rapidly. It's estimated that as many as 5 hundred thousand Buddhists live in Australia. And Hindu temples are being seen in major population centres.

This means that we are in touch with people of different religions in our classrooms, lectures, and places of employment. And because Australia is a pluralistic society, we



WHY CHRISTIANITY?

The Bible gives us four relevant reasons for why Christianity stands alone:

1. It _____,



(Mark 5:19-20) "However, Jesus ... said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." {20} And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled."

(Acts 9:20-21) "Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. {21} Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

(2 Corinthians 5:17) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

2. It's _____,

(Psalms 34:8) "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"

(Philippians 4:19) "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

(1 Timothy 3:16) "... God was manifested in the flesh, ..."

(John 14:9) "... "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

(Acts 16:28-31) "... "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." {29} Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. {30} And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" {31} So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

(Ecclesiastes 7:20) "For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin."

(Isaiah 59:2) "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."

3. It's a _____,

(Galatians 5:22-23) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

(Romans 5:5) "... the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

(Acts 16:25) "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the



prisoners were listening to them."

(Philippians 1:4) "always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,"

(Philippians 1:18) "What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice."

(Philippians 2:16) "holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

(Philippians 3:1) "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe."

(Philippians 3:3) "For we ... worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,"

(Philippians 4:4) "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"



4. It's _____,

(Acts 4:12) "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

(John 14:6) "... "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

(Matthew 7:13-14) "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. {14} "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

(John 17:17) "... Your word is truth."

(John 10:35) "... the Scripture cannot be broken,"

(Titus 1:2) "in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,"

(1 Peter 1:25) "But the word of the LORD endures forever.""

(Romans 10:9) "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

(Hebrews 9:22) "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission."

(John 3:36) "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

(1 Timothy 2:5) "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,"

