

## On Your Own

Experts who study world religions have reached a very significant conclusion: all religions, except one, require your work, effort and good deeds to earn God's favor. Many of us approach life from that perspective. But who set the standards? How do you know if you are being "good enough?"

Christianity is unique in that God has allowed you to have a personal relationship with Him and eternal rewards in Heaven, not because of anything you have done to earn it, but because of what His Son Jesus Christ did for all.

- 1 Do not change the Gospel.  
Galatians 1:6 – 7  
Ephesians 3:8 – 11

How have you seen the Gospel message distorted or misinterpreted or changed?

Why should you remain true to the good news of Jesus Christ?

How is the Gospel sufficient so that you do not need anything else?  
1 Kings 18:21

- 2 The Bible does not teach that we go through reincarnation. What does the Bible say about reincarnation?  
Hebrews 9:27  
Romans 14:12  
Corinthians 4:5

God knows all about you. What do you think God will say to you on Judgment Day?

- 3 Being good is not enough.  
Titus 3:4 – 5  
1 Peter 1:3  
1 Timothy 1:15 – 16

What is mercy?

What has God saved us from and why?  
Hebrews 9:14  
Galatians 2:16  
Ephesians 2:8 – 9

On what foundation do you want your eternal destiny to rest?

- 4 Christ is unique. Is there more than one path to Heaven?  
John 14:6

What is Jesus' view about His own identity and position?

What does John 14:6 mean for you?

What action are you going to take as a result of the Spirit's leading?

What does the term "salvation" mean?

- 5 Get Jesus and get life.  
John 3:36  
Romans 6:23  
John 5:24

If you do not have life from God, what is your condition?

You can be granted eternal life now.  
1 John 5:11  
John 17:3  
John 11:25

Describe the kind of life that God offers to you.

How do you get that life?



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### **Session 7 Many Paths to God?**

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## Video Outline

### Religion and faith

- Based on individuality
- Based on feelings and experience
- Based on sincere search for God

### Religious ideas and concepts

- Defining God our way
- Second chances and reincarnation
- Blended religions
- Earning God's approval

### Finding truth

- Who sets the standards?
- Merit filter: Am I required to earn God's favor
- Initiative filter: Is salvation my work or God's

### Selecting YOUR path

- Multiple destinations

### Uniqueness of Christianity

- God alone restores
- Jesus gave His life for your sins
- Intimacy with God

## Spiritual distortion

- Cannot survive Biblical scrutiny
- Deny the uniqueness of Christ
- Appear sincere

### Jesus: the only way to God

- Authority to forgive you
- Willing to save you

Heavenly Father, I believe that You sent

Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

I receive Him as my Savior. Forgive me of all my sins. Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for me and for rising on the third day. As You gave Your life for me, I now give my life to You. Please be my Lord and Savior and show me how to live for You. Thank you that Heaven is now my real home.

Amen.

## Discussion Questions

- 1 What modern distortions of the Bible and its message have you seen?
- 2 How can you know for sure that Jesus is the only way?
- 3 If reincarnation is true, what is the significance of Jesus' death?