

The Way to Heaven
Mark 10:17-22
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Thesis: I want to show the way to Heaven as revealed in the Bible.

- Intro:
1. There are many things that are often said about the way to heaven.
 2. However, we must be concerned with what the Bible says about how to get to heaven, that is how to be saved.

I. Preparation for obedience

A. A Prepared Heart

1. A person must deny himself (**Mt 16:24a**)
 - a. Denying yourself means you give things up.
 - b. Denying yourself means you are not your first priority.
2. A person be willing and ready to put Christ first in their lives (**Mt 16:24b**)

B. A Prepared Life

1. A person must be ready to leave their former sinful conduct behind. (**Eph 4:20-24**)
2. A prepared life also includes the realization that those you socialize with may have to change, if they only tempt you to sin (**1 Cor 15:33**)

II. Preparation results in Obedience

A. The desire to obey comes from hearing

1. Man must hear what God requires.
 - a. Saul had to what to hear what was required of him (**Acts 9:6**) and so must we.
2. We obey what is taught in God's Word (**2 Tim 3:16-17**)

B. Hearing God's Word should result in believing in Christ.

1. We believe in Christ as the Son of God (**Mt 16:15-16**)

C. Repentance comes as a result of want to obey Christ (**Heb 5:9**)

1. Repentance is a necessity that cannot be ignored (**Lk 13:1-5**)

D. Confession comes because of our believe in Christ and our desire to obey Him (**Rom 10:8-10**)

E. We are baptized because it is essential (**Rom 6:1-6**).

F. Faithful continual faithfulness brings eternal life (**John 14:15, Rev 2:10**).

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. We must prepare ourselves for changes in our lives.

1. The Christian life is not for everyone.
2. Not because everyone is not able, but because not everyone is willing (**Mt 13:14-15**)

B. We must realize what is at stake.

1. Heaven is entered by obedience to God's commands, not man's.
2. Heaven is reserved for those who love God.
3. Heaven is a place we can dwell, but will you? (**Lk 18:7-8**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Are you prepared for obedience?

2. If you are already a Christian are you prepared to repent of sins when you fall short?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9