



20. Roads to the Top

Do all religions lead to God? Do all roads lead to the top of God's mountain? Unfortunately, many Christians today say yes to those questions. In today's political correctness paranoia about so-called hate speech, some believers are afraid to say that Jesus is the only way to God. But Jesus said that He is the only road that reaches the top.

Other religions share the ideas that you get to heaven by being good or by improving your behavior and that God will hopefully overlook your sins. Their roads to the top of the mountain are roads you have to climb by your own efforts ... by your own good works. However, the Bible clearly states that good works don't save you. Ephesians 2:8-9 state that, "*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, so that no one may boast.*" In those verses, the Bible clearly states that good works save no one. Good-works roads are dead ends. They don't reach the top of the mountain.

Good works are important for a Christian ... but they don't get you to the top of the mountain. The message of true Christianity is that you can't reach God apart from Jesus. But by faith, by believing in Jesus, His payment for your sin gives you forgiveness. By grace, through faith, He takes you to the top of the mountain. In John 14:6, Jesus said, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.*" Jesus is the one and only road to the top. Jesus said it ... so believe it.

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