



Followers of Jesus

Then, Now & Forever

Part 1 – People of the Way

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John 14:1-7 (NKJV)

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

Acts 9:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

1 Timothy 1:10 (NLT)

10 The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching

Christianity doesn't make people evil; but often throughout history,
evil people have used Christianity to do evil. —Carl Toti

The Whole Bible Summed Up in Seven Words—

1) Loving _____

2) Loving Our _____

3) Loving _____

Matthew 22:36–40 (NKJV)

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

“Jesus repeatedly used the expression ‘follower’ in the gospels. He wasn't looking for friends, admirers, worshipers, or even adherents. No He called men and women into discipleship which was more than student of His dogma but a follower of Christ Himself.”

— Søren Kierkegaard

Followers, Not Admirers

Danish philosopher, theologian and religious author (1813-1855)

ANSWERS:

1. GOD

2. NEIGHBOR

3. OURSELVES