

THE CASE FOR CHRIST
Embracing the Truth of Christ - Week 3
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The Way Home

“My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

John 14:2–5

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Three attitudes to consider

1) The Tollway

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28–30

Jesus paid the penalty: “substitutionary atonement.”

For indeed Christ died for sins once for all, the Just and Righteous for the unjust and unrighteous [the Innocent for the guilty] so that He might bring us to God.

1 Peter 3:18 Amplified Bible

You can’t pay for something that’s already been paid for.

2) The Performance Snare

Grace liberates us, but our performance imprisons us.

3) The Way of Gratitude

We have the choice: our performance or God’s grace.

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

1 John 4:10

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1) We’re all sinners who need a Savior.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

2) Jesus has already paid your “toll.”

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

3) Receive = call on the name of the Lord.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

‘If you scream for insight and call loudly for understanding, if you pursue it like you would money, and search it out as you would hidden treasure, then the Lord will be awesome to you, and you will come into possession of the knowledge of God.’”

Proverbs 2:3–5