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# **TOUGH TOPICS:** **CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS**

# Don't All Religions Lead To The Same Place?

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# Basis of 'Religion': Appease God

- God is a component of life
- We have to do something about him
- Religious leaders tell us what to do

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# Christianity is Fundamentally Different

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“The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.”

*-Psalm 145:8-9*

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“What can we bring to the Lord? What kind of offerings should we give him? Should we bow before God with offerings of yearling calves? Should we offer him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins?”

*-Micah 6:6-7*

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“For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.”

*-Hebrews 10:10*

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“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”

*-Romans 5:1*

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“Jesus told them, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’”

*-John 14:6*

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“He does not want anyone to be destroyed,  
but wants everyone to repent.”

*-2 Peter 3:9*

“So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue  
godly people from their trials, even while  
keeping the wicked under punishment until  
the day of final judgment.”

*-2 Peter 2:9*

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# OK, but what about. . .?

- Didn't Jesus say to accept and love everyone?
- What about people who never heard of Jesus?
- Isn't it arrogant to claim our way is the only way?

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“Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God’s critic, but do you have the answers?”

*-Job 40:2*

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