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SHARING AN EXCLUSIVE JESUS IN AN INCLUSIVE WORLD John 14:1-6

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D. **Exclusivism**

Definition: Exclusivism is the biblical belief that salvation is limited to those who exercise personal **faith** in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 11:25-26 “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Acts 16:31 “They said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”

Romans 10:9 “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

III. Why Exclusivity Matters

A. The Nature of Truth

B. The Bible

C. The Deity of Jesus Christ

- Jesus rejected the idea that everyone would be saved (universalism):

Matthew 7:14 “For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”

- Jesus denied that all belief systems offer an equally valid way to God (pluralism):

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”

- Jesus refused the view that personal faith isn't necessary to obtain eternal life (inclusivism):

John 6:40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

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D. The Necessity of the Atonement

Luke 22:41-44 “⁴¹ And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, ⁴² saying, ‘Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done.’ ⁴³ Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.”

1 John 2:2 “He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.”

E. The Reality of Hell

Matthew 7:13-14 “¹³ Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter by it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

F. Evangelism and Missions

Conclusion