

## THE JESUS WAY: POWER<sup>1</sup>

### 1. We search for the wrong things instead of searching for God

#### A. Anything less than God or more than God is a false god.

*Deuteronomy 5:7; Isaiah 41:21-24; Jeremiah 10:3-5:*

From Jesus' lips comes the greatest commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength."

*Mark 12:28-30*

#### B. What are these false gods? They are the seemingly respectable and honorable goals of many Christians.

1. Problem #1: personal relationships
2. Problem #2: lusting after ever-larger spheres of Christian service.

Could there actually be something more than God?

If we have God we have everything we need.

How do we get to God? Jesus Christ!

*Colossians 1:15-23*

### 2. Jesus is the door. We never outgrow him.

*John 10:9*

#### A. That Jesus referred to Himself as the door teaches us that the way to God is blocked.

1. It is blocked by sin.
2. How can we find the Father? Through the Door.

#### B. The four essential qualities of that door.

1. It is an open door.
2. It is on street Level.
3. It is a low door. (I.e. we must bow our heads in repentance.)
4. It is a narrow door. (Only one at a time can enter.)

#### C. We must not seek to get in some other way.

*John 10:1*

1. The false teacher tries to get in some other way
2. The Christian trying to get some added blessing, whether sanctification or revival: climbing up some other way, by

### 3. Jesus is not only the door, but the way.

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A. A "way" indicates a journey, not a place.

B. Just as there is only one door, there is only one way.

"The moment we have to do something to make ourselves more acceptable to God, or the moment we have to have a certain feeling or attribute of character in order to be blessed of God, then grace is no more grace. If what we receive from God is dependent, even to a small extent, on what we are or do, then the most we can expect is but an intermittent trickle of blessing. But if what we are to receive is to be measured by the grace of God quite apart from works, then there is only one word that adequately describes what He pours upon us...abundance.

"It is plain then, that our first responsibility is to be revived ourselves, and to give our testimony to those around us. We can trust God, then, to fit us and the life." (pp. 6-7).