

# MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY

## Message 1 – Salvation

Introduction –

Have you ever had someone tell you, in so many words, “It’s my way or the highway”. How did that make you feel? What if I were to tell you that God says that to us? He really does. Over these next three Sundays we are going to teach on 3 areas where God literally says, “My Way Or The Highway”. The three areas that we will be discussing are....

- SALVATION – JOHN 14:6
- LORDSHIP – LUKE 6:46
- WORSHIP – MARK 7:6-7

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*John 14:6 – “Jesus said unto them, ‘I am the way, the truth, the life. No man can come unto the Father except through Me.’”*

*Gal 1:8-9 – “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!”*  
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### 1. ONLY ONE WAY

*John 14:6b – “No man can come to the Father except through me.”*

#### **Discussion:**

1. What gives us the right to feel and say that we are the only ones who right?
2. How does Jesus statement affirm this?
3. Pastor Rich shared that Jesus is either a Liar, a Lunatic, or the Lord He claimed to be. Explain.

### 2. FREEDOM OF RELIGION v. TRUTH

*John 14:6 – “I am the truth...”*

#### **Discussion:**

1. As Americans we believe in “freedom of Religion”. How do we reconcile this with our belief that Jesus IS the truth?
2. Explain why it’s important to stand both for freedom of religion and truth.

### 3. A GIFT - ALL GOD / NO FLESH

*Eph 2:8-9 – “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

#### **Discussion:**

1. What does God demand of us to make heaven our eternal home?
2. Do any of us stand a chance on our own?
3. What does God give us to meet the demand?

#### 4. REQUIRED ESSENTIALS

- **PERFECT SACRIFICE - BLOOD**

*Hebrews 9:14 – “How much more, then, will **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death.”*

**Discussion:**

1. Why did the sacrifice have to be perfect?
2. What Old Testament story and pictures powerfully shows how the blood, if applied, will protect us from judgement?

- **HOLY SPIRIT**

*Romans 8:9b – “...if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Christ.”*

**Discussion:**

3. What New Testament story shows that we must have the Spirit when Christ returns or we are forever lost?
4. What is the difference between receiving the Spirit at salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- **THE WEDDING GARMENT**

*Matthew 22:12-13 – “‘Friend’, he asked, ‘how did you get in here without **wedding clothes**?’ The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”*

**Discussion:**

5. How does this story show our absolute need for the wedding garment?
6. What would this garment probably represent?

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