

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Covenant. Christ Jesus. Entering In. Abiding In. Priesthood.



## CRITICAL BIBLICAL THINKING | LESSON 8

READ Exodus 28:35, 40-43	
READ John 14:6	
Using BibleHub.com go to John 14:6 in the Interlinear and specifically click on the Greek word for “way”. What does it mean? Go to the Thayer’s Greek breakdown based on Scriptures and find John 14:6 and write down what it says.	
WHAT DOES IT MEAN BIBLICALLY WHEN I MAKE THIS STATEMENT? “There is this extraordinary place upon which human believing <b>and</b> the faith we are offered (and once we receive [ which is the Greek word dechomai] it) and the two meet. There is also this place where we receive [which is the Greek word lambanó] what Christ has done for us.”	
The “way” is “through” Christ:	
READ Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4 and John 1:23	
READ Matthew 7:14	
READ Mark 12:14 see also Luke 20:21	
READ Luke 1:79	
READ John 14:5-6	
READ Acts 9:2	
READ Acts 16:17	
READ Acts 19:9	
READ Acts 19:23	
READ Acts 24:14	
READ Acts 24:22	
READ Hebrews 9:8	
READ 2 Peter 2:2	
READ 2 Peter 2:21	
READ Hebrews 10:19-20	
FIRST – as you read through those, I am hoping that you took the opportunity to verify that EVERY single use of the word “way” was for sure “hodos”.	
SECOND—as you read through I am also hoping that you noticed the capitalization of the phrase “The Way” when it spoke about believers who were truly followers of Christ.	
LET’S LOOK AT THE NASB 1995 DOCUMENTATION OF <u>Acts 18:24-28</u> Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; 26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.	

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QUESTION: if Apollo was <u>speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus</u> -But was only <u>acquainted with the baptism of John</u> and then Priscilla and Aquila <i>after hearing him</i> had to take <u>him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately</u> . what (BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING) would have shifted or changed?	
BECAUSE OF THEIR EXPLANATION INTO THE WAY OF GOD IT SAYS: Apollos was walking in the true knowledge of God’s mystery (that is Christ Himself), it says that he helped those who were already in Christ (having believed through grace) BY powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. AGAIN – WHAT WAS NEW?	
IN OTHER WORDS: What is different between <u>speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus</u> and being taken <u>aside and having explained to him the way of God more accurately</u> ?	
Is there a connection to “ <b><i>the way of God</i></b> ” and the “ <b><i>foundation</i></b> ”? The Greek word for “foundation” is Strong’s 2310 themelios. --metaphorically it is the foundations, <b>the beginnings</b> , or <b>the first principles</b> of an institution or <b>system of truth</b> .	
Did Jesus tell us HOW to enter the Kingdom?	
Did Jesus tell Peter that He would build His church on the rock?	
And does Peter’s name mean “the rock”?	
Did Jesus tell Peter that He would give him the keys to the Kingdom?	
Wasn’t it Peter filled with the Holy Spirit, who gave the very first sermon to Jews that led him to tell those who believed on Jesus what to do?	
Wasn’t it also, in Acts 10, Peter who gave the first sermon to Gentiles that opened the way into the Kingdom of God? Giving them the keys -	
Can you see that this IS the foundation that was laid by the apostles? That it IS the “way of God”?	
<b>Let’s look at some Scriptures that uses this word themelios</b>	
READ 1 Corinthians 3:10	
READ 1 Corinthians 3:11	
READ Hebrews 6:1	
READ Ephesians 2:20	
READ 1 Timothy 6:18-19	
READ 2 Timothy 2:19	
READ Acts 15:8-9	
In the above verse, the Gentiles, having been baptized in the Holy Spirit is being defined as <i>How</i> God did what?	
READ Acts 15:11 - What does it mean when he says that we are saved “through the grace of the Lord Jesus”?	
If Salvation is about coming <u>THROUGH</u> -what must we go THROUGH in Christ Jesus?	
In the previous lessons what Scripture verifies that we go through His blood?	
In the previous lessons what Scripture verifies that we go through His crucifixion?	
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In the previous lessons what Scripture verifies that we go through His death?	
In the previous lessons what Scripture verifies that we go through His burial?	
In the previous lessons what Scripture verifies that we go through His circumcision?	
In the previous lessons what Scripture verifies that we go through His resurrection?	
What is “the grace of Christ”?	
Look up the Greek word <i>xáris</i>	
Look up the Hebrew word Strong’s <a href="#">2580</a> / <i>Kaná</i>	
<p>READ THE FOLLOWING QUOTE FROM THE VIDEO:</p> <p>When we don’t understand mercy, we miss it. When we don’t understand the cost of His love we ignore His justness? When we don’t “see” Scripturally how we are made “alive with Christ” it is dangerous. Grace doesn’t negate the terms – it defines them. And when we enter THROUGH is when we are raised up with Him. When we enter THROUGH is when we are seated with Him. He [God the Father] has extended Himself in His great mercy offering grace THROUGH Christ and it takes faith to understand the terms are more than physical actions. Physical terms are not something we do but rather it is what Christ did and we believe that as a truth. It is genuinely a gift, but it is a gift one must receive/<i>lambanó</i> . This is no “work”. We cannot boast about the spiritual realities that happen. What we can boast in, is Christ Jesus, His great sacrifice, and His promises to those who enter in.</p>	
<p><b>Titus 2:11-15</b>   For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, <sup>12</sup>instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, <sup>14</sup>who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.</p>	
<p><i>The true gospel is about what Jesus said. What we see documented in the book of Acts is the fulfillment of the Gospel as executed by the apostles and the disciples that they made-- and the documentations that we see of believers and churches established on that foundation—are the very same believers that the letters are written to – in other words--- THEY had already been obedient to the faith. The letters are simply helping followers of Christ come to an understanding of what happened when they repented... what happened when they entered the water and what happened when the Holy Spirit came to dwell IN/EN them.... The letter’s corrected, defined, encourage and even took them deeper into understanding – but not one single time did they EVER change the foundation and I really hope that by this time God is opening your eyes and that you have ears to hear.</i></p>	
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