

Ten Roads Lead to Christ

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“It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me” (John 6:45, NKJV).

In our text, our Lord applies the words of Isaiah to Himself. **“All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace of your children” (Isaiah 54:13).**

Today, behold, the Lord can be found at the communion table of every Bible-believing church in every place. He is the Bread of Life, and His blood of the New Covenant has been shed for many. To know God is why you were created, and He has brought you to this very moment. **“Therefore”**, He says, **“everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.”** Every road that does not lead to Jesus is officially closed, roadblocked, a dead end. Blast through the blockade if you must. I cannot stop you. But I urge you to consider this morning that every open road leads to the Lord. Travel one, two, three, or all ten at once. Nothing is too hard for the Lord. Therefore, come.

1. Travel the road of grace. **“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).**
2. Travel the road of mercy. **“Know therefore that God exacts from you Less than your iniquity deserves” (Job 11:6).**
3. Travel the road of unconditional love and acceptance. **“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7).**
4. Travel the road of truth. **“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).**
5. Travel the road of freedom from guilt. **“Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides**

forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed”” (John 8:34-36).

6. Travel the road of forgiveness. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).
7. Travel the road of peace. “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).
8. Travel the road of trials, which must come, but need not be endured alone. “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).
9. Travel the road of fellowship with other believers. “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).
10. Travel the road of wisdom and understanding. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10).

Friend, all ten roads comprise a ten lane highway of repentance and right living. Those who would travel this highway must have contrite hearts cleansed by God, even the blood of Jesus Christ, the Author of the New Covenant. “A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:8-10).