

JESUS THE WAY

During the 1960s and 70s there was a movement known as the Jesus movement. The index finger held high became the sign of this movement. One Way bumper stickers and lapel pins were everywhere, and the One Way slogan became the identifying catchphrase of all evangelicalism.

Evangelicalism in those days was an extremely diverse movement. It encompassed everything from Jesus people, who were an integral part of that era's youth culture, to straight-line fundamentalists, who scorned everything contemporary. But they all had one thing in common, they knew that Jesus was their only hope of heaven.

But today this is no longer the case. Some who call themselves evangelical Christians openly insist that faith alone in Jesus is not the only way to heaven. They say that they are now convinced that people of all faiths will be in heaven. Tolerance is the key word, and they imagine it to be a cultural slap in the face to declare Christianity as the truth and all other faiths are wrong. Apparently, the biggest fear is that they may appear to be out of harmony with the world.

Many church leaders today desperately pursue a quest of being well-known, fashionable, and popular. But, it's not time to make friends with the world. It is time that church leaders and laymen alike stand for truth. Unless we recover our conviction that Jesus is the only way to heaven, the movement of the church will increasingly grow weak and irrelevant.

Scripture: King James Version: John 10:9; John 14:6; Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 2:11-22.

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