

**Shalom Series**  
**The Way**  
**09/11/21**  
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**Opening/Introduction**

- Pray
- (brief comments about the new series...tonight's title)
- Alise's 7 year anniversary...
- (foot washing testimony)

**The Unfortunate Question**

-If I'm going to Heaven, why should I care about living like Jesus?

**-to gain rewards**

- Revelation 22:12/1 Corinthians 3:11-14
- Remember field day in school...lol!
- - **(do contest for best caption of Trent Dilfer pic)**
- we aren't competing against others, we are competing against our own potential...

**-to point people to Jesus (John Towell story...sign posts)**

- John 12:32
- John 13:35 ("I'm here because of you...")
- Acts 16:1-2

**-to have the best life**

- John 10:10 (time and depth continuum)

**-to please God**

- Ephesians 5:1-2
- The power to create feelings in God...

## The Way

-Matthew 16:24-28 (explain verse 28 relative to chapter 17)

-remember The Story? **(show slide)**

**-If Scripture is The Story then Jesus is The Way!**

-The Way

- John 14:6
- Acts 9:1-2

-Christians

- Acts 11:26/Acts 26:28/1 Peter 4:16 (ref)
- Christ means “anointed” (Greek, Gentile word for Messiah)
- Meaning = like The Anointed or followers of The Anointed

**-First century people who professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah were identified by names that placed a greater emphasis on becoming like Jesus and not just believing in Jesus.**

*-I want City Life to be a church where people learn how to pattern their lives after Jesus.*

**-(show 4 quadrant slide: Praxis, Doxa, Shema, and Shalom)**

**Praxis - The Way of Jesus' Character (last week)**

**Doxa - The Way of Jesus' Belief (explain the word Doxa)**

- **God is one**
- **The Bible is true**
- **Eternity is real**
- **Humankind is helpless**
- **The Cross is enough**
- **Jesus is life**
- **The Church is central**

-(Talk about God is one instructing my approach to life and ministry: teams, permission giving relationship, collaboration, husbands and wives ministering together, my work with the VUP)

## Shema – The Way of Jesus’ Obedience

-(knee reflex test – have little hammer) the patellar reflex test...

-Five Conversions (barriers to obedience...don’t just splash around in the shallows)

1. Religious Conversion
2. Moral Conversion
3. Intellectual Conversion
4. Affective Conversion
5. Socio-Political Conversion

-Church family, Pastor/Therapist, and Diverse Christian Friendships are vital if we are going to do the heavy lifting of these conversions and not just surface...

## Shalom – The Way of Jesus’ Peace

-Shalom...let’s watch this by the Bible Project...

**-Are you at peace with God, yourself, others, and creation?**

-That’s where we are headed together in this series.

-The two texts we’ll be using that give us our subtitle: Peace With Your Portion

- Matthew 25:14-19 (all four “corners” present)
- Genesis 1:1-31 (ref...again, all four “corners” present)

## Band

*-This series is by no way a comprehensive study on the Biblical concept of Shalom. This series is about your first step toward peace. And I believe that in order to have the peace we see in Jesus, it begins with being at peace with your portion.*

1. embrace His sovereignty.
2. embrace your unchangeables
3. embrace their diversity
4. embrace your chores