

# The Way Less Traveled

A study of the road to salvation: Understanding that Jesus Christ is the Way whom we worship and follow and who leads us to His Kingdom

How does the way I live define who I am?

#### **PRAYERS**

# OPENING PRAYERS—SECOND VERSE OF THE CREED:

"And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all Ages. Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten not made, co-substantial with the Father, through Whom all things were made."

# **COMPLINE PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:**

"And grant to us, O Master, when we depart for sleep, rest for body and soul; and protect us from the murky sleep of sin and from all dark pleasures of the night. Calm the impulses of passion, and quench the fiery darts of evil, which are treacherously cast against us; check the turbulence of our flesh and lull all our earthy and mundane thoughts. And grant to us, O God, a watchful mind, a prudent reason, a vigilant heart, and sleep tranquil and free from all evil imaginings. And raise us up at the hour of prayer strengthened in Your commandments and holding the remembrance of Your judgments unshaken within us. Grant unto us Your

glorification through the night, that we may praise and bless and glorify Your all-honored and sublime Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now, and for ever, and from all Ages to all Ages. Amen."

## CLOSING PRAYER— EVENING PRAYER TO JESUS CHRIST:

"O, Almighty Lord, Logos of the Father, Jesus Christ, Who art Thyself perfect, for Thy great mercy's sake do Thou never depart from me, Thy servant, but ever abide in me. O Jesus, Good Shepherd of Thy

sheep, let me not fall into the disobedience of the serpent, nor leave me to the will of Satan, for the seed of corruption

is in me. Do Thou, therefore, O Lord God whom we worship, O Holy King Jesus, preserve me while I sleep with thy unchanging light, thy Holy Spirit, wherewith Thou didst sanctify Thy disciples. Grant, O Lord, even to me, Thy unworthy servant, Thy salvation upon my bed; enlighten my mind with the light of the understanding of Thy Holy Gospel, my soul with the love of Thy Cross, my heart with the purity of Thy Word, my body with Thy passionless passion; preserve my thought in Thy humility, and rouse me at the fit time to glorify Thee. For thou art glorified above all, with thy Eternal Father and with the most Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen."

## **PASSAGES & PRAXIS**

The Apostles and the first Christians after them began to be called, "Followers of The Way." Christianity itself became known as "The Way."

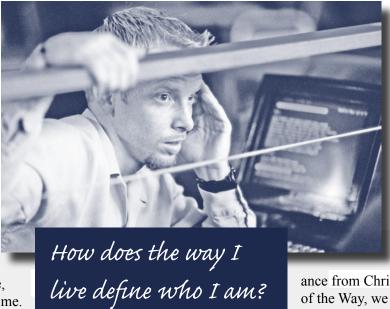
**Acts 19:23**: "And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way."

Let's not forget Christ's entire message. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." All three – the way, the truth and the

life – are interrelated. To believe and follow the Way is to discover the Truth. Knowing the Truth graces one with an abundant life here on earth and gifts us the promise of life eternal. The Way of Jesus Christ does not end when we finish school or when we become adults. We continue living the Way all of our days and on our last day we have the assur-

ance from Christ that if we are followers of the Way, we will live more fully with Him in eternity. This is the goal of our

journey through life, to return home to the Kingdom of God. We call this return trip salvation.



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- Matthew 7:13: Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel it.
- John 14:5-6: Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?" Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me."

#### **PATRISTICS**

St. Cyprian of Carthage: "No longer does He bid us prepare the way for His coming, but comes Himself in person, opening and showing us the Way; so that we, wandering once in the darkness of death, mindless and blind, but illumined now by the light of grace, may walk the road to life with the lord as our leader and guide."

### **PARTICIPATION**

Participate in the Sacraments with a new understanding that the Mysteries are aids on our path along the Way.

Think critically about certain heresies that led to the writing of the Creed and study the meaning of the Creed in greater detail.

Review *The Prologue of Ochrid* by St. Nikolai Velimirovic at the Orthodox Saints Lives Index web site: http://www.westsrbdio.org/prolog/prolog.htm

Read pertinent selections from the Bible

Review the Creed, interpretations of the Creed

Read about the lives of the saints



