

Editorial: No Other Name

In Acts 4:12 Peter told a Jerusalem audience just what made Jesus Christ so unique. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Those words got Peter into trouble in his day and they continue to be criticized in our own day.

To make exclusive claims about Jesus Christ is today regarded as religious imperialism. The contemporary Christian, whether in Africa or elsewhere is told that since religion is a product of culture, no one has the right to make universal and exclusive religious claims.

Most Christians in Africa have ignored the complaints of religious pluralists. African Christians continue to sing, preach and witness that Jesus is the "way, the truth and the life." African Christians insist that their Lord and Master in his Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 commanded them to proclaim him throughout the world as the only way of salvation. That attitude has been costly. Christians have been persecuted all over the world in almost every generation of history for

repeating the message of Peter that "there is no other name under heaven given to men by which they must be saved."

In this issue of the *Africa Journal of Evangelical Theology* Professor Odubata Onunwa of Nigeria examines the complaints of modern religious pluralists and seeks to defend the ancient Christian claims for the uniqueness of Christ. Eunice Kamaara writes about a second controversial area --that of Christian morality -- in her essay. Two review articles deal with important topics in African Christianity. Augustine Musopole looks at the foundations of a truly African Christian theology in his articles on "Evangelicals and African Christian Theology." Zacharia Samita takes a serious look AIDS in his review article. A pair of valuable book reviews round out this issue.

AJET was founded fifteen years ago to explore the implications of the uniqueness of Christ for Africa. As this issue demonstrates, the convictions expressed in Acts 4:12 continue to define our mission.

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