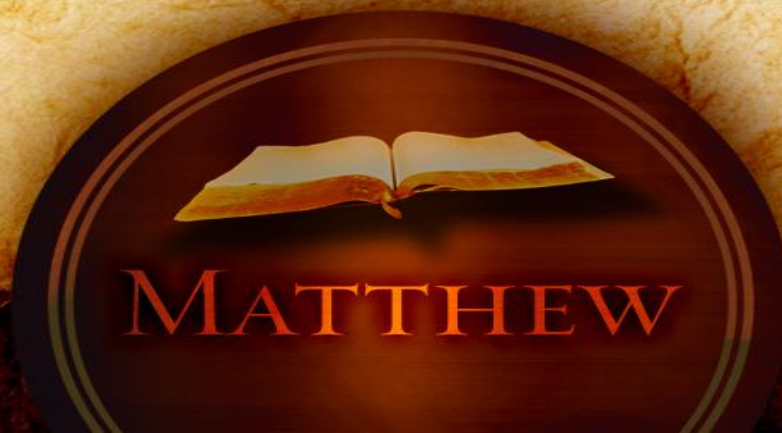




Matthew 7:13-14

What Road Are You On?

Part 2





Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. “For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.



Gate 1

Jesus Christ

Through Him



Gate 2

Every OTHER way.

Through anyone or anything else

Gate 1



Gate 2

Christ

Every other way

Narrow

gate

Wide

Constricted

road

Broad

Few

travelers

Many

Life

end

Destruction



The Bible is the Supreme Authority

“That means that all the words in Scripture are God’s words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God Himself.”



Hebrews 4:12-13

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are uncovered and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we have an account to give.”



Proverbs 14:12 + 16:25

“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”



Matthew 7:13

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.



Hell is real.
And people are going there.



Luke 16:19-32



Which road are you on?



Matthew 7:14

“ “For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.



“Constricted”

Means “To press....to squish.”



Gate 1

- ✓ Self-control.
- ✓ Self-discipline.
- ✓ Self-denial.
- ✓ Self-sacrifice.
- ✓ Obedience.

Gate 2

- ✓ Self-indulgence.
- ✓ Self-satisfaction.
- ✓ Self-gratification.



2 Cor 4:8-9 “in every way afflicted, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;”

2 Cor. 6:10 “as sorrowful but always rejoicing, as poor but making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things.”



Acts 14:19-22

“But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and after winning over the crowds and stoning Paul, they were dragging him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. But while the disciples stood around him, he rose up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe. And after they had proclaimed the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, “Through many afflictions we must enter the kingdom of God.””



2 Cor. 4:16-17 “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For our momentary, light affliction is working out for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,”

John 15:19-20 “If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”



John 16:1-2 ““These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling. “They will put you out of the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.”

John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”



1 John 2:15-19

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts, but the one who does the will of God abides forever. Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared. From this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they were of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be manifested that they all are not of us.”

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The Broad Road

- ❖ If you're following the crowd—you're on the Wide Road.
- ❖ If your living by the lusts of the flesh rather than what Christ commands—you're on the Wide Road.
- ❖ If you love the world and the things of the world—you're on the Wide Road.
- ❖ If its not costing you anything to be a Christian—you're on the Wide Road.
- ❖ If your sin doesn't bother you—you're on the Wide Road.



The Narrow Road

- ❖ If your life is marked by a desire to be obedient to the Lord—you're on the Narrow Road,
- ❖ If you routinely deny yourself and seek to follow Christ.....
- ❖ If you persevere in the midst of ridicule for Christ, sufferings, struggles, and trials, looking Jesus for strength and help....
- ❖ If your sin breaks your heart and causes you to cry out to God for forgiveness through Christ your savior...
- ❖ If you seek to serve Him in self-denial..



Which road are you on?