

# Enter by the Narrow Gate

## Matthew 7:13-14



# WHICH ROAD WILL YOU TAKE?

Eternal  
Damnation

Eternal  
Life

HELL

**FOLLOWING  
THE  
WORLD**

**FOLLOWING  
JESUS  
CHRIST**

"Broad is the way, that  
leadeth to destruction,  
and many there be  
which go thereat:

MATT.7:13

**THE WAGES OF SIN  
IS DEATH; BUT THE**

"Narrow is the way,  
which leadeth unto life,  
and few there be that  
find it." MATT.7:14

**GIFT OF GOD IS  
ETERNAL LIFE  
THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST OUR LORD.**

ROMANS 6:23

**HELL DAMNATION HEAVEN ETERNAL LIFE**

# Religious Pluralism

*...is the belief that:*

*All religions are true*

*All roads lead to heaven*

*All the sincere will be saved*

# False Teaching – Impact of Popular Culture

## On the Roads Again



*“I believe all roads lead to the same place. We’re taking different ways to get there, but we all end up in the same place. It’s kind of like Kinky Friedman’s statement, ‘May the God of your choice bless you.’ That’s the main thoughts that I have about life” (Time 8/7/06, p. 6).*

## Oprah Winfrey’s Pluralism



*I believe that there are many paths to God.... I certainly don’t believe that there is only one way.... There couldn’t possibly be just one way to God .... I am a Christian who believes that there are certainly many more paths to God other than Christianity” (the Oprah Winfrey Show 1/3/94).*

# Christianity vs Islam

- **Philippians 2:10-11** - <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- **John 14:13** - <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**1<sup>st</sup> Pillar of Islam - Shahadah (Profession of Faith)** - There is no god but God” & “Muhammad is the messenger of God”.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar of Islam - Salat (Prayer)** - prayers are done 5 times a day, at set strict times, with the individual facing Mecca.

# Christian Denominations

- **Mark 7:6-8** - <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ <sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

# Confirm Your Calling and Election

- **2 Peter 1:10** - Therefore, brothers be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

# Follow God's Plan

- **John 14:15** - “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.



# Plan of Salvation – The Narrow Gate

## **GOD'S PART**

1. The great love of God for man (John 3:16)
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour (Luke 19:10)
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide (John 16:13)
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation (Romans 1:16)
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ (Romans 5:9)

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## MAN'S PART

1. Hear the Gospel. (Romans 10:17, John 8:32)
2. Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31)
3. Repent of past sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30)
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32)
5. Be Baptized (Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38)
6. Be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10)

# The Five Steps



# Hear

- **Romans 10:17** – So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- **John 5:24** - Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

# Believe

- **John 3:18** - Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- **John 8:24** - I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.
- **John 20:31** - but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- **Hebrews 11:6** - And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

# Repent

- **2 Corinthians 7:10** - For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death

# Repent

- **Luke 13:3** - No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.
- **Acts 17:30** - The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent
- **2 Peter 3:9** - The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

# Confession

- **Romans 10:9-10** - because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
- **Matthew 10:32-33** - So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.



# Baptism

- **Mark 16:16** - Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
- **Acts 2:37-38** - Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **Acts 22:16** - And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept  
the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7**



**It Doesn't Matter Whether You're First or Last – Just Finish the Race**