

Some say that you must repent, but allow you to live how you want. Luke, through inspiration, wrote, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." (Acts 17:30)

Some say that you do not have to be baptized for the remission of sins to obtain salvation, but listen to Christ, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16) Also read what Luke penned by inspiration, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16) Some say that it does not matter how you worship, but Christ said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Some even say that it does not matter to what Church you belong. Listen to the Scriptures- Matthew 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." These verses clearly speak of only one church, the church of Christ.

Friend, Christ gave one way to life, and the denominational world is not on it. You can get off of that path, and choose the path that leads to life. The path will be difficult, but the reward is worth the journey.

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In Matthew 7:13-14, Christ said, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

Have you ever been driving down the road to get to a destination only to become lost? What is the first thing you reach for? The road map, of course. You seek the directions to find the way to reach your original destination.

Friend, there are two places that the human race is ever rushing toward. Those places are Heaven and Hell, and according to Matthew 7:13-14, a great many are headed toward the latter. But thanks be to God, who gave us the spiritual “road map” to guide us toward Heaven!

THE TWO ROADS EXAMINED

Christ told us about the two roads. One leads to life while the other leads to destruction. While it is a command to choose the path that leads to life, notice that the command is also a choice. Christ left the choice of which path to choose up to us.

The first path is described as being wide and broad. The term, “wide” means flat and the second term, “broad” means spacious. Think of this road like a four-lane highway, laid out flat; or a four-lane express-way. Most people like to take these roads because they, while crowded, are roomy and allow people to go with the flow.

The second path is described as being strait and narrow. The word, “strait” means difficult. The second term, “narrow” means crowded. This is like traveling uphill, on a narrow road that is full of fallen branches and pot-holes. People do not like these types of roads because they are hard to travel.

While the first road described sounds like the one that is easy to travel, Christ tells us that the destination is destruction. The path that we would not want to travel is the one that leads to the destination that we want, life. Let us apply this first century lesson to our modern times.

There are thousands of denominations with billions of members. Most denominations say that we are all going to heaven, yet we are just taking different roads. Friend, that flies in the face of what Jesus said in John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Also, in Matthew 7:13-14, Christ gives only one road that leads to life.

The denominational world tries several doctrines that try to deny what is told in the Bible concerning salvation. Some say that you can believe what you want. Christ said, “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.” (John 8:24)