

“The Narrow Way”

Matt. 7:13-14

Introduction

- I. It is amazing how ignorant society is when it comes Christ's teachings.
- II. Many blatantly teach contrary to what Jesus has said.
- III. In regard to “the narrow way”, why are there few who travel it?

Discussion

- I. “The narrow way” is strict and requires great effort.
 - A. Strait- “restricted”; “difficult” (cf. Phil. 1:23).
 - B. It is not easy to travel this “way” (Matt. 22:37).
 - C. God has required faithfulness throughout time.
 1. Abraham (Heb. 11:8-10).
 2. Noah (Heb. 11:7).
 - D. We must be determined to continue on “the narrow way” (Luke 9:23; cf. Rom. 8:18).
- II. Deception leads many off of “the narrow way”.
 - A. The church has dealt with false teachings for a long time (2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Pet. 2:1-2).
 - B. Today, we must continue to warn against error (Eph. 4:14; Col. 2:18; 2 Tim. 4:1-4).
- III. Peer pressure leads some off of “the narrow way”.
 - A. The parents of the man born blind (John 9:18-22).
 - B. “Rulers” (John 12:42-43).
 - C. No one should be allowed to keep us from obeying God (Matt. 10:37; Luke 14:26).
- IV. Worldliness leads some off of “the narrow way”.
 - A. Thorns (Luke 8:14).
 - B. We are warned against such (1 John 2:15-17).
 - C. Some do not understand the value of their souls (Matt. 16:26).
- V. Some never find “the narrow way” because we do not show them.
 - A. We should identify as “debtors”, as did Paul (Rom. 1:14-15).
 - B. We need to the vigor of the early church (Acts 8:4; 1 Thess. 1:8).
 - C. The Great Commission is still applicable today (Mark 16:15).

Conclusion

- I. There are still only two paths from which to choose.
- II. May we be diligent to stay on “the narrow way”.