

Conclusion. If we would seek eternal life then we must be willing to follow God through His word and reject all else. If we would seek heaven

> then even though it may be difficult we must do what God commands if we hope to find eternal life.

Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard.

Proverbs 13:15

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By Kyle Pope he Bible clearly teaches that God wants every one to go to heaven. Jesus died for all man kind (2 Corinthians 5:14-15), the gospel is to be preached to every creature (Mark 16:15), and, God

desires that all be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Does that mean, however, that everyone will go to heaven? In Matthew 7:13-14, while Jesus was teaching a crowd of

people, He pointed out some important things concerning this question. The text reads – "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide



is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (NKJV). Consider what this teaches about who will go to heaven.



I. The Way That Leads to Destruction is Broad and

Wide. Jesus describes our lives as a journey through gates and pathways. The manner of life which leads to punishment has a wide gate. It is easy to pass through. If we want to hold on to those things which the Bible com-



mands us to put out of our life there is room enough to make it through the gate which leads to destruction, but not the gate that leads to eternal life. If we don't want to be restricted to a narrow lifestyle or narrow-minded thinking — no problem! The way to destruction is broad enough for any who want to travel it. Jesus teaches further...

II. Many Will Go to Destruction. If we don't want to do those things that are different from all those around us, concerning the way to destruction, Jesus tells us "there are many who go in by

it." This is the way that's popular. This is the way that's easy. This is the way that's fun. The only problem is – it leads to destruction. No matter how long we travel this road the destination is the same – no eternal life, no peace, no heaven! Jesus also says...

III. The Way That Leads to Life is Narrow and Difficult. The path of life

has a narrow gate. Sometimes it may be a rather "tight squeeze" to make it through. We will have to get rid of some excess baggage. We can't just hold on to everything because the road is difficult. It involves things we might not choose to do on our own. It de-

mands some discipline and some sacrifice of things we might wish we could take with us. To follow this road, however, means that we must have a willingness to deny our own desires. Finally, Jesus tells us sadly...

IV. There Are Few Who Find The Way to Life. This

isn't for the fainthearted. This isn't for those who want to be popular. It is something that must be pursued. It is something that must be sought after. It is something that must be "found." Even though Jesus died for all, even though God wants all to be saved and live with Him in heaven Jesus tells us plainly only a few will find life.

