

Bethany Bible Study & Discussion Sermon on the Mount (Part-10)

Wednesdays 8-9 PM

TWO WAYS

9.29.21

(Matthew 7:13-14)

TWO WAYS (13-14): What is the entrance and the end of two ways? What are some other 'contrasting' images of two ways that we see in the Bible? Where does all of our journey begin? Is it possible to go back & forth between the two ways? Could these verses be also applied to just 'born-again believers'?

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Only Two Ways

Need to choose one!

Narrow way

Start: Entrance through Narrow gate

• Jesus is the gate

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" John 10:9

Journey: Not many are traveling in it

- Also seen as the 'hard way'
- It is a road of trials and hardships, but God's grace is available and the rewards are great!

End: Leads to life

Broad way

Start: Entrance through wide gate

• Wide entrance

Journey: Many are traveling in it

- Seen as the 'easy way' with no rules
- Road of deceptions, glamour, pleasures, and temptations
 - There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death, **Proverbs 16:25**

End: Leads to destruction

Contrasting images

Light & darkness
Freedom & bondage
Joy & sorrow
Life & death
Good & evil
Temporal & eternal
Fruitful & barren

Psalms 1

All Roads do not lead to Heaven!

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (JOHN 14:6)

(Idols, Good works, Religious traditions cannot take us to Heaven)

Saul-Paul's Journey began on the broad way: see our bible study discussion from Acts 9, 22, 26

Saw great Light from Heaven & Jesus

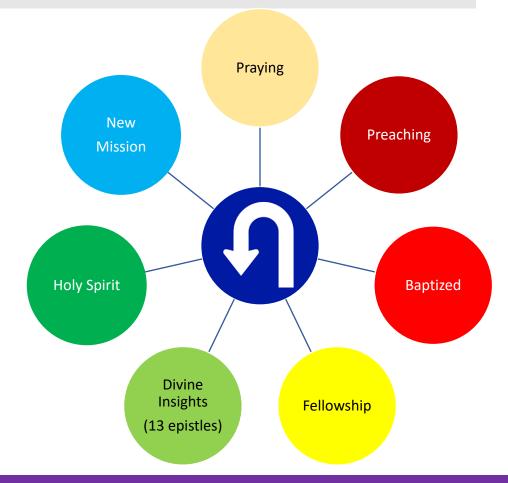
Paul fell down, became blind Lord's Introduction: I am Jesus

Lord's question: Why persecutes thou me?

Paul's 2 questions: Who are you Lord?

What do you want me to do?

Paul's life changed dramatically and He was used mightily to build the church that he once persecuted.



Il Corinthians 5:17 ... If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

Acts 9, Part I

The Direction & Destiny of anyone can change

Many Sauls have become Pauls by confessing their sins and committing their lives to Lord Jesus Christ

Two ways

• Is it possible to go back and forth between broad and narrow way? Is there a middle way or do you have to be on one of the ways?

 Could these verses on 2 ways be also applied to just 'born-again believers'?

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