

# Enter Through the Narrow Gate

- Two Gates
  - One is narrow and the other wide
  - Both are labeled “THIS WAY TO HEAVEN”
    - How would we know that?
    - Matthew 7:21... who would call Him “Lord, Lord?”
    - The wide gate is for those who think they are on the way to heaven but are not

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- Note the word “many” used in Matthew 7:13, 22
  - Two religions in the world regardless of the name given to them
    - The religion of works.....
      - Catholicism, Mormonism, JW’s, and the I go to church every week or the I belong to this church crowd, etc.....
    - The religion of grace alone.....through faith alone.....in Christ alone
      - John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 2:8-9
      - Do not overlook Ephesians 2:10

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- Enter
  - This is a imperative... not an invitation
  - Note the imperatives given to us throughout the Bible
    - Joshua 24:14-15, I Kings 18:21; Acts 2:37-38; I Corinthians 11:24-25
    - Note... “enter” is a verb... an action word
    - Count the cost
      - Luke 14:25-33; John 6:51-66

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- Luke 14:26-27; 33... My disciple
  - Come to Him individually
- Galatians 2:20
- Philippians 3:4-11
  - That I may know Him
  - Fellowship of His suffering
  - Psalm 119:71-72



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- Few there be that find it
  - Why?
  - The way of Salvation is the way of the Cross
  - The way of the Cross is the way of sacrifice
  - Isaiah 55:6-7
    - Let him forsake his way and his thoughts
    - Luke 9:23-26
    - John 12:25-26

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- Jesus' call to salvation from eternal Hell
  - Not some light superficial call
  - Not some self-help formula
  - He is calling for a complete takeover of our lives
- Matthew 7:14
  - Few that find it... why?
  - Jesus calls for a total surrender of everything to follow Him and few are willing to bear the cost

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