

2 Choices Matthew 7:13-14

The evangelical church is in deep trouble. After practicing _____ regeneration for many years, our churches are filled with those who claim to be Christians but, sadly, have no desire to worship in publicly, read His Word, pray and tell others about Him.

You don't make Jesus _____ relevant to fit the age. He's _____ relevant. Presenting Him as some best friend devalues Him as _____.

There's only ___ religions in the world: _____ achievement and _____ accomplishment. Every belief system fits the former description, except _____.
Remember: Jesus + anything = _____.
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Our verses today reveal a transition from teaching to commitment. He taught many truths but now He says "_____?"
Through the rest of chapter 7 we have ___ gates, ___ trees, ___ kinds of professions and ___ builders/foundations.

I. Two Gates

The word "enter" carries an urgency to it. He says "ACT NOW!" John 10:9, 14:6; I Tim 2:5. This teaching is what infuriates many people confuses others: the exclusivity of the gospel. A frightening thing is that the wide gate is not labeled "The Path to Hell." It's actually labeled "The Path to Heaven." We must have a return to the biblical teaching that a _____ person's life involves and is evidenced by _____. Matthew 16:19ff, II Cor 5:17

II. Two Roads

The two gates are closely connected to 2 Roads. One road is broad and open, the other narrow and hard. That broad way is _____ with no limitations, a toleration of _____ that requires little from you.

Contrast that with the narrow way that requires a person turn away from the masses heading toward the broad gate. Not only that, Jesus requires that a follower bend down and pick up an instrument of death as well. I pray you

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recognize this is a declaration of _____ on hell itself.

III. Two Groups

Additionally, there are 2 groups: the _____ and _____. The wide gate allows for many to pass through it and, consequently, it is the _____ choice for human beings.

Remember that Jesus said in John 3 that men loved the darkness rather than the light. What is happening is that many who are on the broad path are continuing on that path thinking they are safe because they've mixed a little Jesus, prayer, church attendance into their lives. He ends this thought with these words "and those who find it are _____."

IV. Two Destinations/End Points

The narrow road looks very hard, tedious and unappealing in many ways. It involves going against the mass of humanity, understanding it will cost you everything, picking up an instrument of death and denying yourself.

The broad road looks inviting and almost trouble free. From every appearance this broad road leads to immediate and ultimate happiness.

However, the broad road ends in _____. The narrow road ends in _____.

"You and your sins must separate, or you and your God will never come together." C.H. Spurgeon

Joshua 24:15