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Chapter 1 : "Look To The Old Ways" | Come in for a cup of joy!

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.

Congratulations, Brothers and Sisters, on the feast of All Saints of Russia, on which we commemorate all those saints who have shone forth in the Russian land. We know from sacred history that Russia was not always a land united in its love for God and for the Holy Orthodox Church. Ancient Russia was a pagan land, devoid of the light of the Gospel. It was a land in which war between the various princedoms was common as there was no common faith, no sense of unity among the people. Lamenting this situation, St. As we have no doubt heard, St. Vladimir sent his emissaries out from Kiev to find the true faith, the faith that would unite Russia. The emissaries of St. Vladimir examined the faith of the Muslims, of the Jews they came also to Germany and learned of the Latin faith. So moved were the emissaries that, upon their return, they recounted the following to St. The Bulgarian bows, sits down, looks hither and thither like one possessed, and there is no happiness among them, but instead only sorrow and a dreadful stench. Their religion is not good. Then we went among the Germans, and saw them performing many ceremonies in their temples; but we beheld no glory there. Then we went on to Greece, and the Greeks led us to the edifices where they worship their God, and we knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. For on earth there is no such splendour or such beauty, and we are at a loss how to describe it. We know only that God dwells there among men, and their service is fairer than the ceremonies of other nations. For we cannot forget that beauty. Every man, after tasting something sweet, is afterward unwilling to accept that which is bitter, and therefore we can no longer dwell here. Vladimir to adopt Orthodoxy as the faith of Russia, they announced that, having fulfilled their mission, they would now return to Constantinople to live where God dwells with men. At this report, we understand that Prince Vladimir eventually decided to accept Orthodox Christianity himself and requested that priests and bishops be sent from Byzantium to baptize his people. Beginning with the martyrdom of Sts. Boris and Gleb, and continuing on to the countless Russian ascetics who were martyrs of a different type, those who became dead to their passions through a life of spiritual struggle, the land of Russia became a spiritual meadow, with radiant examples of holiness appearing everywhere. As with the flowering of monasticism in ancient Egypt, the wilderness areas of the Russian North became filled with hermits and ascetics who shone as examples of holiness inspiring the faithful in their own struggles. In turn, churches and monasteries appeared everywhere, lanterns set on the hill of Russia calling all the faithful to the life of holiness. Indeed, many rulers, such as the great St. Alexander Nevsky, were also great examples of piety and holiness, showing the example of Christ by sacrificing themselves for their people. Without a doubt, the saints of Russia tread the narrow path of struggle against their passions, but this narrow path is equally open to us today. There is no great mystery as to how so many people acquired holiness within the Russian Church those who became holy were, very simply, those who acknowledged their sinfulness, turned to God in repentance and truly embraced the life of the Church, the life of struggling against the passions. The saints of Russia devoted themselves to Christ considering that the cares of this life will soon pass away, but to live in Christ is to live forever. Is it not possible for us to imitate their example? Nevertheless, each one of us still has the opportunity to choose to struggle against our passions and to unite ourselves to Christ. Through the prayers of all the saints of Russia, may God bring us to our senses and establish us firmly on the path of salvation. May we decide from this day to come frequently to Holy Confession and Communion, to perform good deeds for our neighbors, to struggle against sinful thoughts and to build the sure foundation of our spiritual lives by remembering God throughout the day, by praying to Him in the morning and evening and by humbly accepting whatever crosses God allows for our salvation. In this way, brothers and sisters, we truly honor the saints of Russia, not by simply remembering their feast day once a year, but by imitating their example of spiritual struggle for the sake of Christ. Through the prayers of All the Saints of Russia, may God have mercy on us.

Chapter 2 : The Narrow Path | Topical Lectures

Only true faith, will set you free. They think they are on the narrow path that leads to heaven, but in reality they are on the broad path of religion that leads.

Sufi Understanding of the Biblical Christ Introduction: Christians misinterpret Romans But the Bible also says, everyone must live as Jesus Christ be a pinnacle of the follower of the Laws, not deserters! And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed " then it is those who are the defiantly disobedient. The New Testament and Gospel of Christ is different. New Testament is the book which contains some teachings from the Gospel of Jesus Christ Peace be upon him. It is not a book that revealed by some Spirits later. There is no books revealed by Spirit after Jesus Christ!. Bible does not give a reference to any such claim! Not by what others wrote in the New Testament. But what is spoken by Christ from God Almighty. So a Sufi is showing to the Christian world what it meant in Quran 5: Is it ever so, that, when there cometh unto you a messenger from Allah with that which ye yourselves desire not, ye grow arrogant, and some ye disbelieve and some ye slay? We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered. And if Allah had so willed it, those who followed after them would not have fought one with another after the clear proofs had come unto them. But they differed, some of them believing and some disbelieving. And if Allah had so willed it, they would not have fought one with another; but Allah doeth what He will. God giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah? We believe in Allah, and bear thou witness that we have surrendered unto Him. I am gathering thee and causing thee to ascend unto Me, and am cleansing thee of those who disbelieve and am setting those who follow thee above those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then unto Me ye will all return, and I shall judge between you as to that wherein ye used to differ. He created him of dust, then He said unto him: Do not exaggerate in your religion nor utter aught concerning Allah save the truth. Far is it removed from His Transcendent Majesty that He should have a son. His is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. And Allah is sufficient as Defender. O Jesus, son of Mary! Remember My favour unto thee and unto thy mother; how I strengthened thee with the holy Spirit, so that thou spakest unto mankind in the cradle as in maturity; and how I taught thee the Scripture and Wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel; and how thou didst shape of clay as it were the likeness of a bird by My permission, and didst blow upon it and it was a bird by My permission, and thou didst heal him who was born blind and the leper by My permission; and how thou didst raise the dead by My permission; and how I restrained the Children of Israel from harming thee when thou camest unto them with clear proofs, and those of them who disbelieved exclaimed: This is naught else than mere magic; And when I revealed to the disciples, saying, Believe in Me and My apostle, they said: We believe and bear witness that we submit ourselves. Didst thou say unto mankind: Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah? It was not mine to utter that to which I had no right. If I used to say it, then Thou knewest it. Thou knowest what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Thy Mind. Thou, only Thou, art the Knower of Things Hidden? Establish the religion, and be not divided therein. Dreadful for the idolaters is that unto which thou callest them. Allah chooseth for Himself whom He will, and guideth unto Himself him who turneth toward Him. I have come unto you with wisdom, and to make plain some of that concerning which ye differ. So keep your duty to Allah, and obey me. So We give those of them who believe their reward, but many of them are evil-livers. O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allah unto you, confirming that which was revealed before me in the Torah, and bringing good tidings of a messenger who cometh after me, whose name is the Praised One. Yet when he hath come unto them with clear proofs, they say: This is mere magic. Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary. Who then can do aught against Allah, if He had willed to destroy the Messiah son of Mary, and his mother and everyone on earth? He createth what He will. And Allah is Able

to do all things. The Messiah himself said: His abode is the Fire. For evil-doers there will be no helpers. And his mother was a saintly woman. And they both used to eat earthly food. See how We make the revelations clear for them, and see how they are turned away! There is no God save Him. Be He Glorified from all that they ascribe as partner unto Him! Who are my helpers for Allah? And a party of the Children of Israel believed, while a party disbelieved. Then We strengthened those who believed against their foe, and they became the uppermost. Christ acknowledged himself as a Prophet by saying: Christ peace be upon him did not set people free from the Laws. But Christ commanded people to follow the most advanced version of the Law in perfect Obedience just as Jesus Christ Peace be upon him lived according to the Laws. Making the Salvation Plan Christ bringing to the Israel is a narrow Path, not a one of paid free gift! Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. But the original teachings of Christ refutes such understandings and Christ demands everyone to follow the Laws as Christ himself did and Bible says, everything is possible with God, that if you have God, Christ and Spirit in a believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and Christ, you can obey the law perfectly as Christ did and as Christ commanded! May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. So under the Covenant of Christ, everything is possible as you are not separate from God and Christ! So to Keep the Commandment of Matthew 5: And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. In this world we are like Jesus. Something does not match the theory of Christian salvation concept with the actual message of Gospel of Christ! For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. To follow Christ taking up the cross Gospel is the true Message of Christ. It is not to take a cross of Romans, but Cross of Christ, which is the Gospel! It is not about taking up a Roman Cross everyday either! The doctrine and concept of Roman Cross is an invention due to misguidance and error! It is not the Path of Majority, but path of a few people, it is narrow and heavy. Not one of paid on a Roman Cross Path! For it is written: There is no Commandment to worship Jesus as God! The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The words in the New Testament which says: Worshiped Jesus see Matthew In the three years ministry, if the disciples seen Jesus as god, do you think that they worshiped him only three times? And after Jesus ascended to heaven, disciples returned to Jerusalem. You think they were ceased to worship Jesus? We are reminding you the truth about Christ and his way. To you is your way and to us is our way. The return of Christ brings a Kingdom like that of King David Peace be upon him , his Kingdom in this world is for forty years.

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Chapter 3 : On Solid Ground Sermon by William D. Brown, Matthew - calendrierdelascience.com

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Know this; the narrow road is a solitary one. As it is narrow in nature, you cannot walk alongside another. It is your path to take, yours alone. Are you walking in the spirit, or walking in the ways of the world? The true path is not comfortable. The hard road to the cross is one that is seldom congested or busy. The narrow road is most often a solitary way which the popular crowd is unwilling to tread. Especially in the times in which we now live. Particularly for those who warn of the danger of the broad way. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Friends, family and acquaintances will often pull away and return to the world. He is watchful over us, guiding our steps, inculcating our spiritual ruach as we are washed in, and purified by the Holy Word. He will not leave you or forsake you. His bodily instincts cry out for companionship with others of his kind, others who can understand his longings, his aspirations, his absorption in the love of Yahusha; and because within his circle of friends there are so few who share his inner experiences, he is forced to walk alone. The man [or woman] who has passed on into the divine Presence in actual inner experience will not find many who understand him. He finds few who care to talk about that which is the supreme object of his interest, so he is often silent and preoccupied in the midst of noisy religious shoptalk. For this he earns the reputation of being dull and over-serious, so he is avoided and the gulf between him and society widens. It is this very loneliness that throws him back upon God. His inability to find human companionship drives him to seek in God what he can find nowhere else. It is this loneliness that brings us closer to YHWH, it is this dividing line that was meant to be "for us to leave behind this world and embrace Him in the perfect image, Yahusha, the innocent, blameless Son of Man. No one comes to the Father except through Me. When faced with the choice between a narrow, bumpy road and a wide, paved highway, most of us choose the easier road. Human nature gravitates toward comfort and pleasure. When faced with the reality of denying themselves to follow Yahusha, most people turn away John 6: Yahusha never sugar-coated the truth, and the truth is that not many people are willing to pay the price to follow Him. Most revealing of all is the sight of that One of whom Moses and all the prophets did write treading His lonely way to His execution, His deep loneliness unrelieved by the presence of the multitudes. TAPPAN He died alone in the darkness hidden from the sight of mortal man and no one saw Him when He arose triumphant and walked out of the tomb, though many saw Him afterward and bore witness to what they saw.

Chapter 4 : The Pilgrim's Progress - Wikipedia

The only true faith is the one that leads you to happiness. Happiness can be looked at like a mountain, with "making it to the top (heaven, enlightenment, etc.)" being the goal. It doesn't matter what path you take to get to the top, provided you make it to the top. Certain paths are well-used and.

Donate Does Matthew 7: The two questions most frequently asked about Matthew 7: As we will see, one of these beliefs is based on scriptural truth and the other is not. While the true believer cannot lose his salvation , not all miracles are performed by true believers. Jesus is speaking here near the end of His Sermon on the Mount chapters 5â€”7. Beginning in verse 13, Jesus discourses at length on the subject of true faith vs. Verses describe two paths on which people walk through life, the broad road that leads to eternal destruction and the narrow path that leads to eternal life. Having established the idea of dichotomy in the minds of His hearers, He goes on to apply these truths to the spiritual state of all within His hearing. These are those who prophesied in the name of Jesus, meaning either foretelling things to come or preaching the Word in His name. They have even performed miraculous acts such as driving out demons and perhaps healings and other miracles, but all to no avail. In contrast, those who will enter heaven will not do so based on their miraculous achievements and accomplishments or works of any sort, but solely on the basis of obedience to the will of God. We know several things about them from the text. First, we know there are many of them, because it is many who are on the broad road to eternal death, as compared to the relative few who have found the narrow path to eternal life. Second, they claim the name of Christ. These are not Muslims, Buddhists, or atheists. They claim a relationship with Him. But they are none of His. They were never part of the elect of God, chosen before the foundation of the world Ephesians 1: The ones Christ puts away from Himself with harsh words of condemnation, calling them doers of evil, never came to Him in faith, despite their outward good works and miracles. Then if these do not belong to God and never did, how do we explain their ability to perform miracles? Can those who do not have the Spirit actually cast out demons and perform miraculous healings and spectacular signs and wonders? There are two possible explanations for the ability of the ungodly to perform such acts. One is that some miracles are done by the power of Satan and his demonic host. They are incredibly powerful beings who can manipulate physical elements to their own ends. Consider the power God allowed Satan to use to afflict Jobâ€”lightning, wind possibly a tornado , and boils all over his body Job 1: These are certainly miraculous events. In the New Testament, Paul confronted Elymas the Jewish sorcerer and false prophet, calling him a child of the devil, full of all kinds of deceit and trickery Acts So we see that not all miracles come from God and not all who perform miracles in the name of Jesus are truly His. He calls them evildoers because the miracles they perform have evil as their source. In fact, Jesus warned us to be on guard against their deception as the end times draw near Matthew Second, there are times when God, in His sovereign will and for His purposes, will empower unbelievers to perform miraculous deeds. The prime example is Judas who, along with the other disciples, preached the gospel, healed the sick, cast out demons, cleansed lepers, and even raised the dead. Yet God gave him the power to do miracles for His own glory and to accomplish His will. Jesus goes on to describe those who will be able to call upon His name on the day of judgment. It will be those who hear His words and put them into practice, the same ones referred to in verse 21 as those who obediently do the will of the Father in heaven. True believers are the good trees that produce good fruit Galatians 5: These are the ones who will enter into the kingdom of heaven.

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Chapter 5 : Faith That Doesn't Save Sermon by Carl Allen, Acts - calendrierdelascience.com

It is a narrow pathway that knows no detours or deviations. It is the Kings Highway and it is tried, tested, and true. The sign posts along the way proclaim precious promises, prophetic hope, it is full of " Construction Zones " where life's repairs take place.

Jesus meets us where we are and keeps inviting us to be changed. I have some high hopes that you might be strengthened as you seek the future he has planned for you. His eye was not single. The result was that he became a misrepresentation of who Jesus is. And soon others were following him, and soon they veered off into an even different image of Christ. An untrustworthy vessel is built. The underlying error in motive is hidden from us but God sees it. We have to learn to discern and try the spirits. Self agendas seek their own gain and this will keep us in unproductive and barren places. We drift away from the course God has set for his gospel ship. Winds of unsound doctrines take men in unsound directions. The enemy will have rights in their lives and all who follow them because the foundation is faulty. I might mention too that the book of James teaches us that the power of the tongue guides our life ship. Our tongue acts as a rudder that guides the direction of a ship. Speaking in agreement with the One who invited us to walk his walk? He said he would build his house and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. He said it would be a house of prayer. A safe haven for weary seekers. Even through the valleys of the shadow of death, we fear no evil. Study on the virtuous fruit of the rare Proverbs 31 lady. If we seek to enter in at the straight gate and walk the narrow path we can find that way. No lone ranger, or what is called a free range traveler will enter the kingdom. Jesus is Lord and his way is the only right way. He is our peace and our ever present problem solver. But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine When we set our heart fully upon him we will stay the course. With his help we can get well acquainted with ourselves and all he has created us to be. Kingdom saints within, Christ kingdom centered. Saints who are prepared by refinings, who engage with God in warring against his enemy satan. And captives are set free. The King always magnifies the law of God and makes it honorable. His name is Faithful and True; He guards the way to the tree of life. He is the only door through which the sheep may enter. Self agendas, based on private interpretations of scripture. When we cultivate the love of truth we can stay off of those opinion ships. Never stop counting the cost. Sometimes experiences of learning are painful but if we yield to the purgings of God we will grow beyond those things. He knows how to use them to build a testimony and season us with salt and light. He delights in giving us the keys to his kingdom. We sell out to God and his right ways, always counting the cost, knowing that true faith requires great sacrifice. And bold, risky leaps. Our Counselor knows the way to salvation to the uttermost. Friend, there is no way to measure what friendship with Jesus is worth. I can testify to that truth. The life promise that I follow is the expectation that he is guiding us toward Zion, His holy city. But there the majestic Lord will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, In which no galley with oars will sail, nor majestic ships pass by Nothing man made For the Lord is our Judge, The Lord is our Lawgiver, The Lord is our King; He will save us Isaiah 33 is a glorious revealing of the King and his kingdom purposes. The ship is led by purity, no unclean thing will travel on it.

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Chapter 6 : Homily on the Sunday of All Saints of Russia

The straight and narrow, the term in itself is oft used. True Faith is a Lonely Path. The true believer in YHWH is a man or woman set apart.

Next On Solid Ground Jesus concludes his Sermon on the Mount with an invitation for His listeners to make an important choice about three things: The two ways tell us to examine the cost of our profession. Have we paid a price to profess faith in Christ? The two trees tell us to investigate whether our lives have really changed. Are there godly fruits from our lives? And the two houses remind us that true faith in Christ will last, not only in the storms of life, but also in the final judgment. Most people go through the wide gate, but on the other side they find destruction. Let me ask you dear listener, what path are you on? Are you traveling through the wide gate on a path to destruction, or are you on the road less traveled? Are you going through the narrow gate that leads to life? He says to be careful who you listen to. God did not have to accept us "because we are sinners and He is perfect God is Holy and perfect and anyone who is going to go into His presence at death must also be perfect. How can we become perfect some one may ask? Since there are false prophets in the world, we must be careful of deception. But the greatest danger is self-deception. The scribes and Pharisees had fooled them selves in to believing that they were righteous. There are people who know the right language, believe intellectually and appear to obey the right rules, and still not be saved. Jesus gives us these truths to help us judge ourselves. The broad way is the easy way; it is the popular way. But we must not judge spiritual profession by statistics; the majority is not going the narrow way. Many of us read behind men who we think are credible, but let us keep in mind that their only men and men are not infallible.

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Chapter 7 : True Faith | Sola Dei Gloria

Because broad and spacious is the road to destruction & many follow it, but few find the narrow path to life (abbreviated). Ephesians says one lord, one faith one baptism, then verse 13 talks about coming to oneness in the faith & accurate knowledge.

Look for the old, godly way and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls. It is a pathway of faith and trust in the Living God. Yes, it is a pathway where there is covenant and communion with the Lord, where rich fellowship between the Creator and man unfolds. It is a narrow pathway that knows no detours or deviations. It is the Kings Highway and it is tried, tested, and true. We follow in that shadows of greatness, those ancients who are our life examples, instructors, and inspiration. When I read this passage this a. I could not help but remember the old song. I now understand that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. It is the only pathway through which we find true rest for our souls. But people are deceived by the allurements of the worlds pathways. No real thought about what happens once life and its party is over. Yes, it appeals to the flesh and its lusty cravings, it is sensual in essence and is very deceptive. And the multitudes are traveling its pathway to self destruction. We need to still our souls, return to prayer, re-align our focus, and make sure that we are on the pathway that leads to life and not. Or are we on the wide fast track highway that leads to hell? What pathway are you journeying upon? Its good to stop and to look often upon ones journey and to make sure that we are heading in the right direction and upon the right road. So today, stop right where you are. Are you living by true faith or just living presumptuously? Are you following the ancient path that is tried and true or are you traveling the worlds fast track that leads to destruction? The choice is mine and the choice is yours. I have chosen Christ, the ancient pathway, how about you?

Chapter 8 : Elevated Faith (elevatedfaith) on Pinterest

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Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? What is this but being in the broad way? What is this but being in the road whose end is destruction? If so, our faith at present is not saving faith. We have no reason to be discouraged and cast down, if the faith we profess is not popular, and few agree with us. We must remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in this passage: The gate is narrow. The righteousness He demanded does not come through the wide gate and the broad road. Rather it comes through the small gate and the narrow road. In light of the whole sermon, it was obvious Jesus was comparing the wide gate and the broad road to the outward righteousness of the Pharisees. Even the Lord Jesus acknowledged that few would find the true way, the way that leads to life, or to heaven, in contrast with ruin in hell. After presenting the true way of access into His anticipated kingdom, Jesus gave a warning about false prophets. He referred to these advocates of the broad way as ferocious wolves who appear harmless as sheep. How can one determine the character of false teachers? He need only look at the fruit they produce. Grapes and figs do not grow on thornbushes or thistles. Good fruit trees produce good fruit, but bad fruit trees produce bad fruit. If they do not fulfill their purpose for existence, they should be removed. Those hearing this sermon must have wondered about the religious leaders, who seemed to be good men, teaching spiritual truths about Messiah and His kingdom. Jesus made it clear they were not good for they were leading others astray. Even if they were doing supernatural deedsâ€”prophesying in His name, driving out demons, and performing many miracles, they were not obedient to the Father, continually doing His will. They would be refused admission to the kingdom because Jesus had no personal relationship with them. While a hesitance to state things in binary terms is in vogue today, Jesus possessed no such inclination. He routinely stated things in terms of truth and falsehood, darkness and light, death and life. And that is what we have in this passage. In verses , Jesus speaks of two gates and two paths which lead to two very different destinations. But the greatest danger is self-deception. The scribes and Pharisees had fooled themselves into believing that they were righteous and others were sinful. It is possible for people to know the right language, believe intellectually the right doctrines, obey the right rules, and still not be saved. Jesus used two pictures to help us judge ourselves and others. The two ways are, of course, the way to heaven and the way to hell. The broad way is the easy way; it is the popular way. But we must not judge spiritual profession by statistics; the majority is not always right. Quite the contrary is true: The reason is not difficult to discover: The way of life is narrow, lonely, and costly. But if we enter the narrow way, we must give up those things. Here, then, is the first test: Did your profession of faith in Christ cost you anything? If not, then it was not a true profession. They have an easy Christianity that makes no demands on them. Yet Jesus said that the narrow way was hard. We cannot walk on two roads, in two different directions, at the same time. Everything in nature reproduces after its kind, and this is also true in the spiritual realm. Good fruit comes from a good tree, but bad fruit comes from a bad tree. The tree that produces rotten fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. The second test is this: Did my decision for Christ change my life? False prophets who teach false doctrine can produce only a false righteousness. Their fruit the results of their ministry is false and cannot last. The prophets themselves are false; the closer we get to them, the more we see the falsity of their lives and doctrines. They magnify themselves, not Jesus Christ; and their purpose is to exploit people, not to edify them. The person who believes false doctrine, or who follows a false prophet, will never experience a changed life. Unfortunately, some people do not realize this until it is too late. You have to make a decision about which path you will follow, which gate you will enter in at. Like the Old Testament prophets, He requires us to make a choice between the one true God and idols, between God and money, between the narrow path and the broad way. We have only the two that Jesus sets before us. And, any choice

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other than the strait gate is a choice for the broad way. What thousands never knew the road! None but the chosen tribes of God Will seek or choose it for their own. A thousand ways in ruin end, One only leads to joys on high; By that my willing steps ascend, Pleased with a journey to the sky. No more I ask or hope to find Delight or happiness below; Sorrow may well possess the mind That feeds where thorns and thistles grow. The joy that fades is not for me, I seek immortal joys above; There glory without end shall be The bright reward of faith and love. The Bible says in Romans 3: The Bible states in Romans 6: Jesus Christ said in Matthew Jesus Christ said in John 3: Pray and ask Him to come into your heart today, and He will. I am sorry for my sins, and today I choose to turn from my sins. For Jesus Christ sake, please forgive me of my sins. I believe with all of my heart that Jesus Christ died for me, was buried, and rose again. Lord Jesus, please come into my heart and save my soul and change my life today. If you believed in your heart that Jesus Christ died on the Cross, was buried, and rose again, allow me to say, congratulations on doing the most important thing in life and that is accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour! For more information to help you grow in your newfound faith in Christ, go to Gospel Light Society. Jesus Christ said in John There is some free material that we want to send you. If you have a prayer request, please e-mail that to us as well, and we will pray for you until you tell us to stop. And may God bless you. He is also the president of Gospel Light Society International, a worldwide evangelistic ministry that reaches thousands with the Gospel each week, as well as president of Torch Ministries International, a Christian literature ministry. He is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree. God has blessed their union with seven children.

Chapter 9 : True Faith is a Lonely Path | The Spearhead Journal

We are the one true church /faith and God is with us. However we cant judge if God saves people outside of the Church or not (as he can do anything), so we say the only thing we're sure of - That we are the right church /faith.

Only true faith, will set you free. They think they are on the narrow path that leads to heaven, but in reality they are on the broad path of religion that leads to destruction. Whenever the gospel is preached, it will inevitably produce both genuine saving faith and false faith. The seed of the Word that is spread will fall on both good and bad soil. There will be those branches that abide in the vine, and those that are cut off and burned. There will be wheat and there will be tares. In the text we have before us today, we have the first known satanic attempt to sow a tare into the church, Simon Magus. Simon appeared to be genuine believer; even one as discerning as Philip accepted him as such and baptized him. Simon even followed Philip, showing the three marks of a genuine believer. He believed, he was obedient in baptism, and he continued with Philip. He illustrates the difficulty of telling the wheat from the tares. Where did Simon go wrong? How did one who came so close, miss out on true salvation? Faith must be grounded in truth, and his was not. He had a wrong view of self, salvation, the Spirit, and sin. Those faults kept him from genuine faith and left him in the position to perish eternally. A Wrong View of Self vv. The view that man is essentially good is as pervasive as it is damning. It lulls people into a false sense of security causing them to think that God applauds their good deeds. Those who fail to see themselves as sinners will see no need for a savior. Simon had an egotistical view of himself. Practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people led him to claim to be someone great. Simon had a hold on the people of Samaria i. Simon views himself as God 1. His false teaching elaborated into full blown Gnosticism. Pride is a universal and deadly sin i. It is the most characteristic and controlling sin in all human fallenness. Pride is an easy sin to indulge in, since it does not entail the loss of public reputation or prestige. Only the humble, aware of their inadequacies and shortcomings, have the sense of lostness that drives them to God. It is the poor in spirit, not the proud in heart, who experience saving faith. A Wrong View of Salvation vv. A revival broke out in Samaria through the preaching of Philip. He preached the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. His declining popularity drove him to desire to learn this perceived power that Philip had. He followed Philip for three perceivable reasons. He wanted to sustain contact with the people following the preacher, his old crowd. He wanted to figure out how to acquire that power for himself. Magicians often sold each other their tricks. Simon viewed salvation as a purely ritualistic, external matter, an additional act in his life. Faith that does not transform the life is not saving faith. Simon believed in the signs, but not in the One whose power was behind them. True salvation is not mere profession or ritual act. It is the divine transformation of the soul from love of self to love of God, from love of sin to love of holiness. A Wrong View of the Spirit vv. Peter and John had a three fold mission when they came to Samaria. They came to help Philip with the spiritual harvest.