

The Ways Of Life Matthew 7:13-14

We Must Choose

Life is full of choices

It is a part of being human - free moral agents

Statement I heard just a day or so ago

Choices are sacrifices, giving up something you want for something you want more.

Every choice has things connected

With God the choices are as different as Night & Day

Two Gates

Guiding principles

Wide - Anything not expressly forbidden (authorize by silence)

Sand (shifting, changing footing) - **Matthew 7:26-27**

Narrow - Only what Scripture authorizes - **Matthew 16:24; Luke 13:24; Colossians 3:17**

Give up personal worldly desires **Matthew 6:1,14-15,19-20**

Rock (solid foundation) - **Matthew 7:24-25**

Two Ways

Direction

Broad - Opinion (what I think) - **James 1:8**

Strait - Faith (trust what God has said) - **Romans 10:17; 2Corinthians 5:7**

Requires exceeding righteousness **Matthew 5:20; Hebrews 10:38**

Two Groups

Discipleship

Many - Wicked - **Genesis 13:13; Psalm 1:6**

Goats - **Matthew 25:33**

Followers of Satan - **2Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2**

Few - Righteous - **Luke 1:6; Psalm 1:2**

8 from flood; 2 from Egypt (Joshua, Caleb)

Sheep - **Matthew 25:31-33**

Follow Christ - **Acts 2:36; Matthew 28:18**

Two Destinations

Consequences

Destruction

Eternal destruction - **2Thessalonians 1:7-9**

Lake of fire - **Revelation 20:14-15; Revelation 21:8**

Die in sin - **John 8:21,24**

Life - Heaven

Gift of God - **Romans 6:22-23**

“Enter the joy of Lord” - **Matthew 25:20-23; Revelation 21:3-4**

In the Lord - **Revelation 14:13; 2Timothy 4:6-8**

The Choice Is Yours!

Will you give up self to follow Christ?