

**John 216 “The Narrow Road That Leads To Life” John 14:5-9; Matthew 7:13-14
Matthew 7:13-14 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.**

God’s plan is broad in the sense that it’s open to anyone and everyone (Unlimited Atonement) who would desire to learn of it and take advantage of it but it’s also narrow in the sense that it has only one antidote for sin-sick spiritually dead man, one specific prescription for his cure, one Savior Who’s approached in only one way, through faith alone in Him alone by grace alone and not by works of any kind or quality.

Because the road that leads to life is narrow, we must be fluent in biblical truth vs false doctrine, so beware of counterfeit rituals, deceptive ministers and false Gospels.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL INDICATE IN OUR PASSAGE THAT HE IS THREE THINGS:

1. The Way meaning He is the exclusive or narrow entrance into the plan of God; 2. The Truth which is what we all should be seeking after we enter the plan of God and 3. The Life which is the abundant supernatural function that results from learning, believing and applying biblical truth.

When it comes to the Lord Jesus Christ, we have no choice, we have to choose!

Hebrews 1:1-2 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things and through Whom also He made the universe.

If we live in the past, we rob the present and the future but if we don’t learn from the past, we’re destined to repeat our failures.

1st Timothy 2:3-4 This is good and pleases God our Savior, Who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

The only way for a works-oriented religion to be valid is if God were to look the other way regarding His righteous demands concerning sin.

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

Since God provided His offer (John 3:16) at such a great cost to Him, He will make the message available to those who wish to know Him (John 7:17).

If someone doesn’t want God in this life, why would he want Him in the life to come?

God is so gracious in extending much more and far better than we could ever earn or deserve if we want it.

Heaven is the presence of the Lord Jesus and the look on His face for us that will immediately produce in us all the joy we’ve been looking for our entire lives!

Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from Heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

For the committed disciple, this world’s sufferings cannot be compared with the glory awaiting him in the world to come.

Remember this and you’ll be more than a conqueror in all your endeavors!

The Apostle John uses the word “know” 141 times in his Gospel and he mentions 4 levels of knowing: 1. Knowing a fact. 2. Understanding the truth behind it. 3. Believing in a person

and entering into a personal relationship with him.

4. Having intimate rapport through a deep knowledge of and communion with that person.
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NEWSFLASH: The problem is that society doesn't like reality.

In the 1960s, we were taught that there are no absolutes.

Success in life begins with a recognition of the Source of life but the world hates that idea because people don't want to deal with reality.

The amazing thing about God's plan isn't that there's only one narrow way to receive His abundant life of forgiveness, inner happiness and contentment; the amazing thing is that there is a way!