## Which Way

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Jesus said that only a few people are going on the narrow way to eternal life, but many are going on the wide road to destruction.<sup>1</sup> You can check which way you are going.

God is not willing that any should go to hell.<sup>2</sup> But we have all gone our own sinful way. We have lied. God warned that all liars will go to the lake of fire.<sup>3</sup> You can see that we need to make a big change.

Many of us have stolen.

We have hurt others by what we have done and by what we have said. But God said, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Many times we did not care enough to share with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Matthew 7:13, 14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2 Peter 3:9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Revelation 21:8

those needing help. We have broken the Great Commandment! Many times!

We have also disobeyed authorities God has told us to obey.<sup>4</sup>

### OUR SECRET SINS

Jesus said that if you look with lust at a woman, you have already committed adultery with her in your heart. That happens a lot, but Jesus said it's so serious that if your eye causes you to keep sinning, it would be better to pull it out and throw it away and still enter into life, than to keep both eyes and to be cast into hell.<sup>5</sup>

Jesus said that if you're angry with your brother, you are in danger of the judgement; and if you call him a fool you

 <sup>4</sup> Obey those that rule over you (Heb. 13:17). Children obey your parents in all things (Col. 3:20).
<sup>5</sup> Matthew 5:28-30 are in danger of hell fire.<sup>6</sup> You may not have killed anyone, but have you gotten angry at someone or called someone a bad name? Whoever does so is in danger of hell fire.



We must all appear before God the Judge.<sup>7</sup>

You can see that we need to make a big change! God commands all men

<sup>7</sup> Revelation 4:2-5 & 20:11-15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Matthew 5:22

everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30). When we repent we make a big change.<sup>8</sup>

We've lied. Now we tell the truth.

That stuff we stole, now when we can, we give it back.

We have hurt others. Now we will be kind.

We have been too selfish to share. Now we will be happy to share.

We have disobeyed. Now we obey whether someone is watching or not.

We have committed a lot of secret sins. Now, even in the privacy of our minds, we want to please God. That's a big change.

God said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy" (Isaiah 55:7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Acts 26:20 and Luke 3:10-14



God has done a lot of kind things to help us change. "The goodness of God leads you to repentance" (Romans 2:4).

He sent His own Son, Jesus, down from Heaven. Jesus helped and healed many

people! What did they do to Him?

They murdered Him in a bloody, violent death on a cross! But by His death He took our punishment—so we would not have to take our own punishment in everlasting fire! He has made eternal life a free gift!

They buried Him. He was dead three days. But God raised Him from the dead. God proved that Jesus really is His Son—just as much God as God the Father is God.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> John 5:18

So Jesus has made a way to Heaven! He said, "I am the way... no man comes to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).

Have you come to Jesus for mercy? He is the way. Or are you still going your own way? If you come to Jesus, you repent.<sup>10</sup> You start making a big change. Start telling the truth, being kind, sharing with those in need, obeying those over you, rejecting temptation.

Is this the change you still need to make? If you know you need to make this change, pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, please wash my sinful heart. Make me clean on the inside, so I can go up to Heaven like you promised.

Now tell Him, "THANK YOU!"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Luke 24:47

He promised, "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13). And if we really believe Him we will start making a big change. We start obeying.<sup>11</sup> We tell the truth. When we can, we give back what we stole. We will be kind even forgiving those who hurt us.<sup>12</sup> We will share with those in need.<sup>13</sup>

This good news is so wonderful! Let's share this good news with many others so they will turn from their sin and receive the free gift of eternal life Jesus offers.<sup>14</sup>



#### Eternal Life is a Free Gift (Romans 6:23).

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- <sup>11</sup>1 John 2:3,4
- <sup>12</sup> Mark 11:2
- <sup>13</sup> 1 John 3:14-17
- 14 Mark 16:15,16