

# Two Ways

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**Matthew 7:13-14**, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

There are many paths through this life that people may take in regard to careers and life styles. Yet, in the things that matters most, there is only two ways - saved or unsaved. To reach a desired destination the course must be chosen and followed. While many can see the sense of that in regard to this life, some cannot seem to apply it to the spirit. What a person chooses to do in his day-to-day life shows the values and goals that he has chosen.

I have known folks who hated to make a choice on many things in life. There is no way to escape making decisions as we go through life. We decide to follow the Lord, or we choose to do nothing. And, some people may find this hard to believe, doing

nothing is making a choice. For since a man is lost without the Lord, not choosing to come to the Lord is to stay in a lost condition,

Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." **Matthew 12:30**. We either trust Jesus and walk with him, or we walk through this life in sin.

The way of the world is to seek the material things of this life. It may be success, fame, and the pursuit of riches. Some give their time to these things and become so focused on them that they forget the things of the spirit. Gathering things may make a person feel like he is busy and doing something important, but if it costs him his soul it is a poor trade. Anyone should be able to realize that this life is for a short time. This is true even if we are here for a hundred years, it still passes by and we face death. Since death is only the end of the physical life we should think about that which comes next.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." **Hebrews 9:27**. All who will stand in judgment before Jesus will either be told to enter the kingdom, or that the Lord doesn't

know them as his children. At that time the things of this world will not be thought important even to those who have given their lives in the pursuit of them. All that this world has to offer is for a short time and is not worth a person's soul. Esau is an example of this type of person. He sold his birthright for food and later wept because he lost his blessing.

They that chose to walk with God believing in Jesus will enter into heaven. Why? Because they have trusted in the Lord and have lived for him instead of living for pleasure and the material things of this life. The world and what pertains to it are not going to be in heaven. It is corruption and will be burned. He that lives in the Spirit and walks with God will have life eternal in heaven. This is not wishful thinking, thought up by some man, or group of men, but is what God has revealed to mankind.

These two ways, and these are the two only ways, are what is placed before man. We can only chose one and will live and die in that which we pick to live in. Follow the things of the world and find death, or chose to walk with the Lord and find life

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"THOU HAST THRUST SORE AT ME THAT I MIGHT FALL: BUT THE LORD HELPED ME."  
PSALM 118:13



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