

## **FALSE SALVATION: IS IT POSSIBLE?**

### **"We see through a glass DARKLY..."**

So you think you are saved? Are you positive of it? And how do you arrive at that conclusion? By what scripture do you claim it? Did you know that millions of Christians who were positive they were saved were not? That they embraced a false salvation gospel? A gospel of salvation so close to the true one that it looked like it, but was a lie? This article may upset you now, but it is better to be upset now and do something about it, than to be lost for ever and for all time simply because you embraced a lie you thought was true. This article deals with vast amounts of scriptural warning - and we urge you to read it, check it out with bible in hand, and verify if these things be true.

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**"Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (MAT 7:21-23)**

We must find out WHY these souls were rejected, WHO they really were, and WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE to prevent it. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THE SEVERITY OF THESE COMMENTS FROM THE LIPS OF CHRIST. These souls face eternal ruin, TO BE CAST OUT FOREVER WITH NO RECOURSE, NO HOPE, NO MERCY, NO CLEMENCY. THE CONTEXT in which we find these comments appears in MAT Chapters five, six and seven, which comprise the Sermon on the Mount. The sermon on the mount is addressed first of all to believers ONLY, DISCIPLES ONLY.

**"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, THE DISCIPLES CAME UNTO HIM: And he opened his mouth, and TAUGHT THEM, saying...." (MAT 5:1-2)**

The word 'disciple' is "mathetes" and it simply means **LEARNER, PUPIL, FOLLOWER**. It was to the disciples, the followers, to those that **BELIEVED** upon Him that He taught. People that did not BELIEVE UPON HIM would have paid no attention to Him at all. The 'them' refers back to the DISCIPLES, which by then had grown to a great number of people. MAT Chapter four shows that Jesus had called his chosen ones and was also teaching in the synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, and healing all manner of sickness (MAT 4:23). His fame grew, and so more and more people came to hear Him, to be healed, to find out what His message for them was. Many **BELIEVED** in Him, for they saw His healings, His ability to cast out devils and the displays of great power.

There are many within the Church that contend that the four Gospels, and especially the Sermon on the Mount was given to Israel, and have nothing to do with the Church. It belongs totally to the dispensation of Law. They argue that Pentecost had not come, and this sermon then cannot be applied to the Church in any way, shape or manner. Upon the correctness of this argument lay the destiny of millions of souls, for **IF THIS THEOLOGICAL POSITION IS WRONG, AND YOU EMBRACE IT, YOU HAVE DAMNED YOURSELF FOR ALL ETERNITY.**

The Sermon on the Mount is a discourse of the PARAMETERS ON HOW YOU ENTER INTO THE 'NEW HEART' aspects of the 'NEW COVENANT' (Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26-27; & Hebrews 8:8; 8:13 and 12:24). The word 'covenant' is "beriyth", which means **COMPACT, LEAGUE, AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT**. In the New Testament, the word is "diatheke", which means **CONTRACT, TESTAMENT, A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT**. This aspect of the New Covenant is the PRIMARY CONCERN IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. As there is no other way to enter in, and the subject of the Sermon is ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (Jesus mentions the Kingdom of Heaven 27 times in MAT alone, and 5 times in the Sermon on the Mount), then THIS MUST BE A DISCOURSE ON HOW WE ENTER IN TO THE NEW COVENANT!

**"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH" "But this shall be THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAITH THE LORD, I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR INWARD PARTS, AND WRITE IT IN THEIR HEARTS; And I shall be their God, and they shall be my people." (JER 31:31;33)**

Here we find a reference to the new covenant and it is tied directly to a new heart. God says he will take the law and write it in their inward parts. Scripture proves the law in reality is nothing more than a reflection of divine agape love. The law was given to prove to man he did not have true or divine **agape** love. God will take this outer form of the law, and put in into the human heart. Thus what we have is a covenant of a new heart, of a new birth, of regeneration performed by agape love placed within. The word 'covenant' is "beriyth" and it means **compact, league or agreement**. It is a binding contract. When Christ says "enter ye in" he is referring to this new covenant.

**"Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the LORD God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye." (Ezekiel 18:31-32)**

God is pleading to the house of Israel to cast away their sins and their transgressions. How are they to do it? Via a **godly repentance** that leads one to a **new heart, a new spirit**. God says "turn yourselves"; It is something the individual must do, it is **not** something God does. God asks "why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Just because they are the house of Israel does not exempt them in any way from the requirements of righteousness. They will all die in their sins if they do not obtain this **new heart, this new spirit**.

**"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit, will I put within you: and will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them. (Ezekiel 36:26-27).**

Hebrews chapter eight is attempting to show to the Jews that a new covenant has been created via the work of Jesus Christ. This new covenant is **not** entered into via works of righteousness or law keeping, but via a new heart! We will explore this new heart in complete detail later. One cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless he is **born again** (JOH 3:3-5). The subject of the sermon on the mount is how we enter into the kingdom of heaven, and Jesus said in JOH we must be born again, to enter the kingdom! Jesus is obviously telling us how to be born again in the sermon on the mount! In other words, the **parameters of how one obtains his new heart will be found in MAT five, six and seven!**

God says that he himself is going to give his people a new heart, and a new spirit. It is **supernatural**, not of man whatsoever. It also says that prior to the granting of this new heart and spirit, man is without it. **You need not be given something if you already possess it.** Therefore the new covenant concerns itself with the supernatural bestowement of God's spirit (my spirit within you). It is this new spirit and new heart that allows us entrance into the kingdom. What is this new spirit and new heart? It is the bestowement of a new type of love in the human heart: a radical alteration of the heart, a love change, from natural human love to a whole new love, a divine love, called in the greek, "**agape/agapao.**"

"behold what manner of (agape) love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God..." (1 JOH 3:1)

Now there are a lot of folks out there who will claim there is no difference between agape and phileo, and point to the standard definitions given in strong's or lexicons. If this is true, then why does one need to be born again? Why did Christ say that mankind has no cloak to cover himself with since Christ had come and demonstrated God's eternal love? Why is the entire bible a book about divine agape? And why was the life of Christ so different than anyone else? Because of his divine love. Because of divine agape. And if there is no difference, then why did Christ claim that mankind does not know and cannot know, apart from supernatural REV and rebirth, what divine agape is? There is a radical difference between the love of God, and the loves of man.

Here in 1 JOH 3:1, we find total confirmation that God the father puts **his divine agape love** into the authentic believer. Notice who grants the gift of agape love that makes one a true son of God: God himself! Now if there is no difference, then why does God do this in the act of rebirth? Man would not have to be born again, would he? It is this divine agape, totally apart from and alien to mankind's loves. It is this divine agape imparted to the human spirit that makes them a son of God. Is that not what ezekiel said? Did not Jesus himself say:

*"...verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (JOH 3:3)  
"Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water, and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (JOH 3:5)*

*Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." (JOH 3:7)*

The word 'again' comes from the word "anthen" which comes from "ano" and it means **from above, from the top, from the beginning, or from the first.** It means in effect **born from an act of God, born of God, born from God himself.** In the sermon on the mount, Jesus is speaking about how we enter the kingdom of heaven. What Jesus is doing is laying down the parameters, the guidelines on what we must do to enter his kingdom. **He is telling us how we obtain a new heart of agape love, which is also called "life":**

**"we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we (agape) loveth the brethren. He that (agape) loveth not his brother abideth in death". (1 JOH 3:14)**

Agape love bestowement is what passes us from **death unto life.** To say otherwise would be to stand in opposition to a host of scripture. Agape love bestowement is the rebirth **experience** of the real born again Christian. Agape love brings life, for agape love is life. It will be proven that the very essence of God is agape love. Without it, all human souls remain in what God calls death. The subject of this **dark light** series is agape love. With it, you have 'life' and you will enter heaven's gate. Without it, you abide in death, and you will never see heaven at all. Jesus is explaining by what method man must enter in, and if a soul refuses for whatever reason, he will not enter in, but face eternal ruin. The new covenant is a new heart covenant. A new heart brings with it a new life. The new covenant requires a new heart and a new divine spirit because the believer must be adjusted back to the standard of God. God's standard is **pure agape.** The love within man from natural birth is opposed in principle to the agape love of God. Therefore man **must** undergo a radical **love change** from natural to divine, or he **cannot enter the new covenant.**

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Notice the word life. Life sits at the end of the narrow way. It **does not** sit at the beginning or the middle. The destination of the narrow way is life, **for the narrow way leads to it.** We will come back to this aspect later in this series. For now cross compare these verses and you will see MAT five, six and seven concern themselves with the new birth. Jesus is making a valid presentation to Israel of the new covenant., Which contains other aspects as well, including the millennial reign, the rule of the nation Israel with great prosperity, etc. Because Israel refused Jesus Christ, the only mediator of the new covenant, **they rejected the new heart aspect.** They refused to enter in via the method Jesus gave to them, and they were excluded. Likewise will any believer in Jesus Christ be excluded if they refuse to adhere to the parameters given by Jesus Christ to enter in.

**The LORD is not a respecter of people. If Israel, the real olive tree, God's own chosen people, are utterly excluded for refusing the method God ordained, then why would any Christian, who is a wild olive branch, think he would not be excluded as well if he refuses the method God has ordained?**

Either one enters the strait gate and walks the narrow way or he/she will perish forever. Jesus only gave us this **one way**. Because Israel rejected the new heart aspects of the new covenant, their entire portion of the new covenant was delayed (ROM 11:25-27; until the times of the gentiles be fulfilled), and the new heart aspects were given to the church (another nation) to provoke Israel to jealousy (ROM 10:19). The presentation to Israel was valid. Israel had the right and the duty to enter in. That is why Jesus said that JOH the baptist was 'elias' if Israel would receive it. Had Israel received Christ, the new covenant would have been brought in, and the millennial reign of Christ would have begun! God fore knew they would reject Christ, but that does not negate the authenticity of the offer made.

Israel was looking for a political messiah, one that would lead them into a world wide dominion. They did not understand nor desire to know the spiritual side of the kingdom. Their kingdom of God was upon earth, a physical kingdom and their promises were for this life upon earth. They wanted to bring heaven down to earth, which is exactly what antichrist attempts to do. Jesus brought a message Israel did not want to hear. He also gave them all of the signs written in the old testament to prove who he was. They were without any excuse, and likewise the believer in Christ is without any excuse if he refuses to comply with the parameters Jesus laid down to enter in. The dispensation of law keeping was over, and Christ ushered in a whole new concept, a whole new covenant, a brand new program. The law, which had been external, was now going to be made internal, and written on the 'inward parts' or their innermost center of being, **their hidden inner 'heart'**.

The law itself remains unchanged (MAT 5:17-19). Jesus is the end of the law for them which believe only, **and that word believe is well qualified**. For all others it is still in full force and effect, in spite of theology to the contrary. Jesus insisted the law would remain right through to the end. It is via the law that all unbelievers and many believers who thought they were saved will be condemned to eternal ruin. What saves the human soul is that via the new heart and new spirit, the external law, which is nothing but a reflection of agape love, is written into the center of man; the heart! The law goes from external rules to agape love within! If a person agape loves, which cannot be done except and unless authentic regeneration has occurred, he fulfills all the law (ROM 13:8-10). The word love in those verses is a reference to divine agape. Paul is blunt: **agape love fulfills all the law**.

Jesus is attempting to explain to Israel how to find and appropriate this new law: the law of agape love within, the covenant of a new heart within, a supernaturally changed human heart, a heart that allows us to fulfill all the law via agape love within. It is this **love change** that brings life, and this love change that allows us to enter the kingdom of heaven. Christ is the only mediator of the new covenant (1 timothy 2:5; Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24;). There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

The world hates that message for it excludes all other religions, all other names, and all other concepts of mankind. God the father **anointed** Jesus Christ as the **only one** who has the **keys to death, hell and heaven**. Jesus is the mediator. If Jesus is the mediator, then ought we not pay attention to what he said to us? Israel rejected Christ (MAT 12:24-50). They killed him (ACT 4:10). Because Israel refused, Christ began to build the foundations of the church. Israel insisted upon keeping the law (ROM 9:31-32; 10:1-4), and the church comes into the new covenant (ROM 11), as the **wild olive branch** grafted into the house of Israel. The church then has the right to enter the kingdom of heaven via the new birth, which is part of the new covenant. When we undergo **authentic regeneration** we become true heirs to the promise (ROM 4; galatians 4:1-7), by the dynamics of **true** faith. Because the sermon on the mount outlines the conditions by which we are to enter in to find life. It deals wholly with how to enter the kingdom of heaven, and the entire mission of the church is to enter into heaven, then how could anyone suggest that the sermon on the mount does not apply to us now? Only apostasy could bring about such terrible and damnable heresies.

Did not Jesus say "**enter ye in?**" Into what? The new covenant, the new birth! Jesus is telling you there are two ways, two gates, two methods by which his believers, his disciples, his people, the "Christians" are going to attempt to enter this new covenant. One way is via a very wide gate and a broad way which has a sign over it that says 'heaven this way, all believers in Jesus, enter here.' Satan and his false Christian prophets painted that sign to deceive believers. It is a fabrication, a deception, that appears right, sounds right, feels right, and even checks out correctly in scripture unless one digs deep enough to uncover the deception.

**There is another gate, and another way, which Jesus termed strait and narrow. Jesus said that only a few of his people, his believers, would enter into this strait gate and walk this narrow way. The vast majority of Christians would reject it, they would build up a theology that would offer an alternative, but attractive method of obtaining a new heart. This new alternative way would fabricate a new Jesus, a new gospel. But this new Jesus would be a master counterfeit, a look alike, with a gospel so close to the original that the many would not detect the fatal flaw in their theology. It would be embraced by the vast majority of the body of Christ as authentic, as correct. That is why the many Christian leaders stand before Christ condemned. Peter, through the Holy Spirit said their multitude of followers likewise are condemned. Their theology was incorrect and they suffer eternal loss.**

Therefore in reality there is only **one gate** and **one way** by which we may enter into the kingdom of God, into the new covenant. That one way leads to life, which is agape love bestowment. The other leads to eternal loss and ruin, but it **appears** as being the correct way! It will claim a new heart and it will claim with total authority that heaven is the destination. It will claim a true and authentic union with Jesus Christ. It will seize the earthly and present part of the promise. The vast majority of Christians will claim to be sons of God, but they will be in truth bastard sons, lawless, for they refused to obey the parameters Christ gave them. As a result of their false theology, they are sent away.

### **Let him who has ears to hear, let him hear.**

The sermon on the mount is a sermon on **how to get saved**. It applies totally to the church and the entire church age. The people Jesus addresses are his followers, his believers. In spite of what you may have been taught, the scriptures are not actually written to unbelievers, except to bring them in. Rarely are unbelievers even mentioned. The scripture is open to them and they may respond correctly to them for it is not the will of God that any should perish, but that all come to repentance (2PE 3:9). If a person rejects the scripture, they condemn themselves. If they respond properly, and undergo true conversions they become believers, and if they are obedient to the commands of Christ, they will later (after they have entered the strait gate and walked the narrow way), obtain regeneration, ***which is life and salvation***. Jesus did not even pray for unbelievers. He did not pray ***for the world*** at all:

**"I pray for them (the apostles, the real believers): I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine." (JOH 17:9)**

The importance of this prayer is found in who Jesus is praying for. It was **not** the Christ rejecting world. He is very specific: he prays only for his own. All others are rejected, all others are enemies and therefore condemned.

**"neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be one; as thou father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (JOH 17:20-21)**

Jesus extends his prayers here to include all believers that claim they are Christians. He is not excluding mere professors, he includes all those who name the name of Jesus. But notice how he words it, and pay close attention to it: he first prays for all those that "believe on me". It means all professors of Christ throughout the entire church age, which means all those who have put faith and trust in the name of Jesus as messiah. Now comes something very important: **of this whole group, he prays that these people may come into authentic union with him, if they are obedient and do as he commanded**. He wants them all to become one! He wants them to come to something:

**"and I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the (agape) love wherewith thou hast (agape) loved me may be in them, and I in them." (JOH 17:26)**

Scripture proves that simply becoming a Christian, and claiming the name of Jesus does not mean that one has **agape** love within! The prayer of Jesus is that all believers **would come into union** with him. That they **might come** to the **bestowment of agape love** and thereby enter into true union. The prayer then has an ultimate goal: the union with Christ of all professing Christians, via authentic regeneration. It will be proven that the vast majority of believers **never** enter into true union with Christ. They embrace a false theology that actually prevents it!

### **Wheat & chaff**

Jesus divides the world into two camps, believers and unbelievers. He then makes another division that is far more important: believers and followers who are obedient, and who will come into genuine union with Christ and actually enter in to the new covenant via authentic regeneration/rebirth. The next group are believers and followers that are disobedient, who will not enter into genuine union with Christ, in spite of all their belief, faith and profession of faith. They somehow miss the key to heaven.

**"not every one that saith unto me, LORD, LORD, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; But he that doeth the will of my father Which is in heaven." (MAT 7:21)**

The word 'will' is "thelema", and it means a **determination, a purpose, a decree**. The word 'doeth' is "poieo", and it means to **perform or carry out, to do something**. Closely associated with it is the word "prasso" which means to **perform repeatedly, to execute, to accomplish**. In short, it means to be **obedient to God, that is, to perform or execute, to carry out that which God demands**. If you are obedient, you will do it. If you are disobedient, you will not do it.

**"therefor whosoever heareth these sayings of mine And doeth them, I will like him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, And doeth them not, Shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and winds blew, and beat upon that house; And it fell: And great was the fall of it". (MAT 7:24-27)**

These verses claim that you must obey, and it is not optional. Either you are obedient or you perish. Either you do as you are told, or you perish. **It is not optional**. It is a command from God. You do not pick and choose that which you may comply with. Theological arguments that bypass obvious commands from God lead you to certain ruin.

**"and being made perfect, he (Jesus) became The author of eternal salvation unto all Them that obey Him. (HEB 5:9)**

Notice the huge **conditional** word **'obey'**. The word 'obey' here is "hupakouo", which simply means to **carry out the commands of authority, to heed, to conform**. As we are dealing with how to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must be obedient to the parameters given in the sermon on the mount! In other words, salvation is conditional upon your obedience! If you refuse, for whatever foolish reason you have, you burn: ***"in flaming fire taking vengeance on them***

**That Know not God And that Obey not The gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ:.." (2TH 1:8)**

These people are not just unbelievers, they are also believers who refused to comply with the commands of Christ. **The concept that grace now replaces the commands of obedience is a doctrine right out of hell itself**, a fabrication of the false prophets, which Christ, Paul, Peter and Jude warned us about. It is a perversion of grace. The commands to obedience are not new to the LORD's word (Exodus 19:5; Deut. 11:27,28; 13:4; 28:62; 30:20; 1 Sam. 12:15; 15:22; Job 36:11-12; Jeremiah 7:23; 11:4; 11:7; 12:17; Dan 9:11). These are but a few examples. The New Testament is filled with references by all the writers that **only those who obey the LORD will be saved**. If you refuse to enter the strait gate,

and begin the walk of the narrow way, because you think it some form of 'works' or 'legalism' you will perish in your sins for you **neither know God, agape love, which is the spirit of Christ**. One can claim all they want that they do, but the truth is what determines your destiny, not your opinions! **Does Jesus know you?**

The word 'obey' in the above scripture is also "hupakouo", which means **to heed the commands of one in authority, to hearken unto them, to perform as required**. What are we to obey? The gospel. What is the gospel? The word 'gospel' is "euaggelion" and it means **message, declaration of good news**. What is the message? Christ has redeemed mankind. How will Christ redeem? Via the new covenant. How do we enter into the new covenant? Christ told us how in the sermon on the mount! Who has Christ redeemed? **Those that keep his sayings, those that do the will of the father" those that obey the commands: "enter ye in at the strait gate..." "narrow is the way, Which leadeth unto life...." "strive to enter the strait gate..."**

Read the parameters, read the written declaration. Read every word, and then obey the sayings of Jesus and do the will of the father. Obedience is the key to the entire gospel and salvation itself. Faith at its root essence is **obedience over the long haul**, or we could say a faith that is tried in the fires of trial and testing. Our faith will be tried to see if it is as the faith of Jesus Christ. Jesus exclaimed: **"and why calleth me LORD, LORD, And do not the things which I say?" (LUK 6:46)**

The bible is very blunt: it calls all those that refuse to obey the counsel of the LORD foolish and simple. It does not matter how many theological degrees you hang after your name, nor how many millions of followers you may claim. All of that is vanity, all of that is carnal. What matters is simple obedience,

**"he that rejecteth me, And receiveth not My words (all scripture), Hath one that judgeth him; The word that I have spoken (scripture), The same shall judge him in the last day." (JOH 12:48)**

Jesus makes it clear that there are two types of believers. Those that hear the word and do it, and those that hear the word, but refuse to comply. We are back to obedience and disobedience. It then becomes clear that Jesus is contrasting the two types of believers, followers and disciples in the sermon on the mount. The real authentic ones who do as commanded, and the false ones that do not!

**"enter ye in (to the narrow way) 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." (MAT 7:13-14)**

It is a tragic error of modern Christian theology to attempt to claim that the wide gate and broad way are comprised of all unbelievers, and that every Christian has entered the strait gate and walked the narrow way, or is walking it. According to scripture, **the vast majority of Christians are on the broad way**. We will prove this out in this series. What Jesus is telling us is this: there are two types of believers, followers and disciples. The obedient ones enter the strait gate, take the narrow way, meet Christ, have agape love bestowed and enter into authentic regeneration and union. They are the wheat. The disobedient refuse the strait gate, refuse the narrow way, by claiming it is a 'work', a form of 'legalism', a perversion of grace, but claim they are Christians. They never meet Christ; they do not know or have agape love, in spite of their claims to the contrary, they are never regenerated, and they called bastard sons, and they are chaff. The wheat is taken into the barn, while the chaff is burned in the fire.

Were the "many" rejected by Jesus Christ under grace? If so, why are they not saved? Why doesn't Jesus merely "wink" at their sins? They were under grace, but they did not avail themselves of it, because they refused to do what God and Christ commanded them to do! They frustrated the grace of God, they did not understand what grace was, and they perverted its real meaning.

To prove that there is a broad way for Christians, let's turn to JOH 10:1 and read it carefully: **"verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth in not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way The same is a thief and a robber." (JOH 10:1) "broad is the way" = some other way**

Jesus says there are **two ways** into the sheepfold. The **sheepfold is the body of Christ**. You can come into the sheepfold (body of Christ) by the door (1); or some other way (2). The important thing to notice is that Jesus **includes them both as entering the sheepfold**. All Christians no matter their true status before Christ are considered to be in the body of Christ, or **part of his church**. It will be shown later that some other way is **conversion**, and via the **door is regeneration**. In spite of modern theology, conversion **is not** regeneration.

Jesus says he is the door. (JOH 10:8). The door to what? A door is an entry point to something. What are we commanded to do? To enter the new covenant, and Jesus is the only mediator of that covenant. We therefore must enter in through Jesus Christ. If Jesus is the door, then the door is our entry point into the new covenant! Where is Jesus in relation to the narrow way? At the end of the narrow way! Not at the beginning, not at the middle, but at the end! The way after the cross is totally different, yet difficult if one has the faith in the power of God to crucify the flesh. We are looking at only that part which deals with authentic regeneration. Scripture proves that **the destination** of the narrow way is also Jesus. This is true because **life** is at **the end** of the narrow way: **"he that Hath the son, Hath life; And he that hath not the son Hath not life." (1 JOH 5:12)**

If Jesus is the only one who has life, and the narrow way leadeth unto life, then it should be obvious to you that Jesus **is standing and waiting for us at the end of the narrow way!** Do you understand this? It means we do not find the living Christ at the strait gate, or anywhere along the narrow way, but only at the **end** of the narrow way. If you refuse the strait gate, and the narrow way that leads to the door, then you have come into the sheepfold some other way. There is only one other way listed: **the wide gate and broad way**. These people claim to be Christians. They are in deception. They have come into the body of Christ in a way Christ **rejects**.

Jesus said that many believers travel the broad way. The word 'many' is "polus" and it means **much, largely, abundant, mostly, plenteous, majority or vast majority**. Notice that Jesus says the vast majority of his followers

travel the broad way to destruction. The word used for destruction is "apoleia", and it means **eternal ruin or loss**. The many make a very serious mistake in their theology and beliefs. It is this group, who comprise the many, who stand before Jesus rejected.

**"many there be which go in thereat" "many will say to me in that day" = Some other way into the sheepfold**

Throughout the sermon on the mount, Jesus contrasts these two types of believers, and how they will respond to him and his commands. There are **two gates, two ways, two destinations**. There are **two types of trees, two types of fruits, and two types of houses**. There are two ways to enter the sheepfold, the door or some other way. Could it be that all Christians enter the wide gate and begin their journey on the broad way? That within this sheepfold of christianity there are but a few who discover there is a strait gate and who enter in and travel the narrow way to find the living Christ? Could this be the answer to 'many are called, but few are chosen'? That Jesus Christ considers all who profess him as followers, as disciples, but only the few as 'disciples indeed' (JOH 8:31)?

The sermon on the mount was designed to show those who were followers how to approach the king. There is a proper protocol that must be observed, and if it is not, you **will** go into eternal ruin. Jesus told us the correct way to lay down our petitions for mercy before the LORD of the universe. He showed us how to enter in to the new covenant of agape love bestowment which is the new heart.

Would you walk into the president of the united state's oval office without an appointment? Do you simply rush in without proper protocol being observed? If you attempt to 'enter in' in such a manner, you would be instantly stopped, and if you refused, you would be killed. There is a right way and a wrong way to approach the president. One way gets you in, the other way gets you killed. The nations of the world, and their presidents, are but dust in the hands of the LORD. They are counted as nothing. If this be true, then how much more should we observe the commands of Christ to approach God? Jesus is telling us: "look, you are approaching the God of this universe, the LORD God almighty. These are the ground rules to approach my father. These are the conditions for entering into the new covenant. These parameters must be adhered to. If you will do it, you shall live. If you refuse, you shall perish forever.

**"because I have called, and Ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and No man regarded; But ye have Set at naught All my counsel, And would none of My reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, And your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when Distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, But I will not answer; They shall seek me early, But they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, And did not choose The fear of the LORD:" (PRO 1:24-29)**

There are three things here: they refused **knowledge**, they refused **his counsel**, and they refused the **fear of the LORD**. They perish and go into eternal ruin. The same thing happens to the 'many'.

**Who are the many?**

We have now shown you the context of the sermon on the mount, and that the many who enter into the wide gate and remain on the broad way are in fact believers. We know that the word 'many' means vast majority. We must therefore find out why the vast majority of Christians who lived during the entire church age are rejected by Christ. To accomplish that we must examine this and other scripture carefully. When we do that, we will unlock the mystery of why it happened, and thus we ourselves can hope to avoid it.

**"many will say to me in that day, LORD, LORD, Have we not Prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have Cast out devils? And in thy name done many Wonderful works?" (MAT 7:22)**

We know the word many means the vast majority of Christians. Could we prove they were sincere Christians? Is sincerity the issue here, or is **deception** the issue? Can we find out who these people really are?

**1. They call Jesus LORD.** Only a believer, a disciple, a follower calls Jesus Christ LORD. Obviously they knew who Jesus was and knew his position of authority and power, for they used his name and his power upon earth to perform their works. The word for 'LORD' is "kurios" and it means **supreme authority, supreme ruler**.

**2. They prophesied in the name of Jesus.** Only Christians take the name of Jesus: only Christians profess Christ and become messengers for Christ. They are his agents and ambassadors. They are working under his authority. Clearly they are members of the church, and accepted members by the brethren. Christ does not argue with them about their works in his name. He does not refute it, which substantiates it. He does not answer them on that basis, for it is a truth. This is why they argue with Christ, and are in **absolute shock and disbelief at what is happening to them**. They now present their side: did we not do all of these works in your name under your authority? Were we not operating under your LORDship and power? Were we not your agents, your ambassadors? Everything we did, we did in your name! Lord, LORD have mercy!

There is no question that all of these poor souls **thought** they were fulfilling the great commission of MAT 28:19-20. The word 'prophesied' is "propheteuo"; and it means **to preach, to teach, to evangelize, to give real prophecy all under the anointing of the Holy Spirit**. That word has roots that cover the broad spectrum of offices in the church: some apostles, some pastors, some teachers, some evangelists. We can then deduce something from this reMAR: they thought they were obedient Christians, doing the work of Christ as he commanded.

**They were wrong; dead wrong.**

Christ does not deny their work anywhere. He does not deny they had the Holy Spirit. By the absence of such a denial, he implies that they did it all in his name, and by all implications under his authority and by the Holy Spirit. These people are Christian leaders. They took the gospel to the four corners of the world, fulfilling the great commission. They thought they were obedient, they never once questioned it. Now they stand before their LORD and find themselves **utterly cast out**. They stand before Christ stunned to the very core of their being. They only now recognize they are lost souls, destined for the hell they preached against.

Christ did not deny their positions as leaders either. The very word they used proves they were leaders. Christ did not base his answer to them on this basis: they were in the sheepfold. They were in the body of Christ as evangelists, teachers, preachers within the mainstream church.

**3. They cast out demons in the name of Jesus.** This is a very important key to proving that these people were not just nominal believers, but were on the front lines of the battle between God and Satan. The word 'devils' is "daimonion" and it means a demonic being, a supernatural spirit of evil.

**"and these signs shall follow Them That believe; In my name shall they Cast out devils; They shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; They shall Lay hands on the sick, And they shall recover."** (MAR 16:17-18)

Jesus says that they who believe in Jesus shall be able to do all of these things in his name. That is exactly what the many dynamic Christians said. Obviously they believed. They also must have known about Satan and demons, for they were involved in the casting out of demons. This being true, then they knew about heaven, and hell. They must have known about the great battle between Christ and Satan. They must have preached the gospel of salvation from hell and hellfire around the world! They knew about the Holy Spirit, for they had Holy Spirit power! They used it in the mighty name of Jesus!

Let me ask you a very serious question: if these people **knew about heaven and hell, about Christ and Satan, about eternal torment and suffering, and about demons:**

**Would they knowingly pick hell as their destination?**

If you answer yes, why would they? There is a not a soul on earth that would pick hell as their eternal destination. No one. Given all of their knowledge (they were teachers, preachers, evangelists) would they **deliberately mock Christ and choose eternal ruin?** The question itself is absurd! Of course not! If they would not pick this destination by choice, then how did they end up there? The answer is simple: **deception on a massive scale.** They were under rank deception, **for lack of searching for the real truth.** The only way you can go under such a deception as this is via building a theology that is incorrect, and then embracing that theology as truth. In short, it means refusing to comply with the commands of Jesus Christ and building a theology that gets around it! **It was their own theology that took them to hell.** Peter warned that Satan would infiltrate the church and build a complete new theology that looked 100% correct, but it would lead to the **vast majority going into eternal ruin** (2PE 2:1-3).

**4. They did many wonderful works.** The word 'wonderful' is "dunamis" and it means **to have miraculous power, mighty works, miracle working ability.** These folks were into healing, tongues, and a whole host of supernatural signs and wonders. They had it all. They did it all in the name of Jesus. Now from all of this we can deduce many things, and will prove it out totally by scripture, which is the final judge in such matters. Think about each item listed, and you will see that the deductions that we can make are valid, and when cross referenced to other scripture, prove to be totally true and accurate.

**A) Christ does not contradict them.**

**B) Christ does not say they did not believe.**

**C) Christ does not say they had no faith.**

**D) Christ does not deny it was done in his name.**

**E) Christ does not deny the works done.**

**F) Christ does not deny they upheld his name.**

**G) Christ does not deny that they were fulfilling the great commission.**

**H) Christ does not deny they were Christians.**

**I) Christ does not deny they were part of the body of Christ.**

In point of fact, Christ does not even claim they spoke evil of his name. You will not find one word of denial in the answer of Christ. He does not deny it, for their claims are totally true. Christ is not going to deny truth. But his answer is devastating in it's simplicity and beauty. His answer proves they missed the

**The entire point of the scripture.**

They missed the key central issue between man and God. Because they missed the key to salvation in Christ, their works were branded as iniquity. Albert Barnes was a Christian scholar who wrote a commentary now called Barnes' notes. What he says about these people helps us to understand in part what happened to these people: "many would plead that they had done miracles, and preached and prophesied much, and on the ground of that they would demand entrance into heaven. The power of working miracles **has no necessary connection to piety.** God may as well, if he chooses, give the power of raising the dead to a wicked man, as the skill of healing to a wicked physician. A miracle is a display of his (gods) power through the medium of another. The act of healing the sick is also a display of his (gods) power through the agency of another.. In neither of these cases is there any necessary connection to moral character. So of preaching and prophesying. God may use the agency of a man of talents, though not pious, to carry forward his purposes..." Volume 9, page 79.

This goes far deeper than that. These men **knew they had to be born again.** There is no way they could not have known it. This is a deception in theology. However, I want you to notice how Barnes contrasts power with piety. In this case he is using regenerative piety, or the piety that comes from being born again. Power does not prove anything. **We dare not confuse power with inner essence of the soul.** Power is power, and you could heal someone and not have any love in your soul. It could be done for aggrandizement, pride, greed or to gain a position of power. It is vital to realize that working power has nothing whatever to do with the state of the heart in the regenerative sense of the word. We can prove that because **Satan can and does duplicate every single gift of the Holy Spirit!** That is one of his methods of deception. Power is manifested by outward and visible signs and wonders, such as tongues, healings, slayings of the spirit, etc. The occult has long known and recognized that Satan can and does heal, answer prayer, causes people to speak in tongues, slayings in the spirit, can prophesy, etc. **Is the essence of Satan the same as the Holy Spirit? Is the command of scripture to 'test the spirits' there for a reason?** That is why the scripture does not

base salvation upon any of these things whatsoever, for anyone, including believers could be deceived by the enemy. Salvation is based upon something that **Satan cannot duplicate.**

It might be argued that these people were into works, or a form of legalism. The implication of scripture is that they were utterly **unaware** that they were legalists. Scripture proves that you can think you are doing everything by faith and grace and still be under the law. This will be explored fully. These people displayed all the power and might of the pentecostal and charismatic movements, and they fully believed in salvation by grace through faith. The issue goes far deeper than works vs. Faith and grace. What we are dealing with here is a deception in theology so subtle and so clever that they never realized their danger. The other argument presented is that they did not have Holy Spirit power, but instead had Satanic power. This is even worse, for they were unable to tell the difference. They asked God for bread, and he gave them a stone. **That is not the character of God or Christ.** It goes much deeper than any of this, and it rests upon one thing: **their theology was in direct conflict with Jesus Christ, although it looked like it agreed totally with it !!!**

These people were sincere, dedicated Christian workers. They had been duped by a clever deception. It is the purpose of this series to unmask that deception. Christ did not question whatever their **faith, belief or sincerity.** That was not the issue. We can, however, prove the following to be true:

1. They underwent a **conversion** to Christ.

These people were at one time unbelievers. They at one time or another heard the gospel and underwent a **conversion** to Christ. He does not deny that they were Christians. The word conversion means to change directions, to have a **mind change, to change your mind, to think differently, to turn around.** These people walked in the world, heard the gospel call and responded to it in a **positive way.** They turned from the ways of the world, and began to follow Christ.

2. They **believed** in the name of Jesus.

All of these people were believers. Without belief it is impossible to obtain the power of the Holy Spirit, for it is predicated upon belief and faith. **They had great belief, enough to perform miracles.**

3. They had **faith** in Jesus.

All of these people had faith in Christ. You do not undergo conversion, become a follower, rise to positions of leadership in the body of Christ without having faith. These people trusted Christ in every way. There is no indication that they were insincere or did not have faith and belief.

4. They believed they were **regenerated, born again Christians and had eternal life.**

If they knew about Satan and his demons, they also knew about Christ and the gospel message of salvation. They would have known that Jesus demanded regeneration for entrance to heaven. These people were leaders, teachers of the faith. There is no question or hint that they did not know their scriptures. They were obviously convinced that their theological doctrines were correct. They believed totally that their interpretations of scripture were correct and they were certain they were saved and going to heaven. They stand before Christ in utter shock and disbelief at what is going to happen. To their horror they find out they made a tragic miscalculation. Had they known ahead of time that they were not in true union with Christ, they would have done something to correct it. They were in utter deception! They were totally blind to their true state. For this to happen they must have held a theology that **told them they were regenerated when in fact they were not.** That means a new definition of what "being born again" really means was brought into being and accepted hook, line and sinker **by the vast majority of Christians, in every denomination. It cost them eternity.**

Jesus flatly tells them they **were not** regenerated. We will explore the answer of Christ deeply, but the essence of his answer is that they were never **born again, never had come into union with him.** Scripture proves that authentic regeneration includes union with Jesus Christ. It is on this basis alone that Christ rejects them. These people neglected the most important point of all scripture: true union with the living Christ.

5. They had all made a **decision for Christ.**

All of these people were Christians. Therefore in one manner or other they had made a decision for Christ and dedicated themselves to him. Denominations may differ in their approach and ritual, but they all require in one form or another a declaration for Christ. Without it they would not have been accepted into the church. Different denominations teach differently on how one gets saved, but they all teach it one way or another. Therefore each and every one not only was accepted by their respective denominations, they rose to positions of leadership and power within those denominations, and continued to propagate their respective church doctrines on salvation! They were positive they were going to heaven but ended up in eternal ruin!

6. They had all been **baptized.**

To be accepted into a church one must undergo the ritual of baptism. It matters not the form of baptism that denomination requires, the point is they underwent baptism.

7. They had been **baptized with Holy Spirit power.**

There is no question whatever that these people were under the impression and positive that they had true Holy Spirit power. The answer of Christ would indicate that their belief was totally correct. Remember that they did everything in the name of Jesus and under his authority. At no time could they have questioned that this power was not of God. The proof text points strongly that indeed they did have a power baptism of the spirit. Yet they are rejected by Jesus Christ. Many denominations reject the concept that the Holy Spirit works in this day and age, and therefore claim that this is a reference to early Christians. Nothing could be further from the truth. Scripture proves categorically that the Holy Spirit is working in the same manner as he did at pentecost.

9. They were considered by their church as being **authentic Christians.**

This is important: the body of Christ accepted these leaders as real sincere Christians, whose message was truth. They would have been rejected out of hand if this was not the case. These people upheld Jesus Christ. They promoted Jesus Christ with power and conviction. They taught and preached Christ to the multitudes, as evangelists, preachers and teachers. They had all the form, the gifts, the power of disciples of Christ. These people were under a powerful delusion. It cost them heaven, it cost them everything they had; their eternal souls and spirits would now reside in hellfire forever. What could be more tragic than this? How can a person be deluded into being positive he is a authentic Christian, born again and spirit filled, a sincere and dedicated worker for Christ only to be rejected out of hand? **If these powerhouse Christians are rejected, what of the nominal Christian? What fate does he/she face?**

Let's consolidate this and see where we stand with provable **FACT**:

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| 1. They underwent <b>conversions</b> .   | 10. They had undergone <b>baptism</b> by water.  |
| 2. They must have said the sinner's prayer or made an equivalent form of <b>dedication</b> . | 11. They had been <b>baptized by the Holy Spirit or thought they were</b> .            |
| 3. They <b>believed</b> in Jesus.  | 12. They were able to <b>work miracles</b> .   |
| 4. They had <b>faith</b> in Jesus.   | 13. They were able to <b>cast out demons</b> .   |
| 5. They <b>trusted</b> in the name of Jesus.   | 14. They were <b>accepted</b> by their church.   |
| 6. They <b>thought</b> they gave their hearts to Jesus.                                      | 15. They were <b>leaders; evangelists, teachers and mighty preachers of the word</b> . |
| 7. They were <b>positive they were saved</b> .   | 16. They <b>thought</b> they were <b>obedient in fulfilling the great commission</b> . |
| 8. They were positive they were <b>regenerated</b> .   |  |
| 9. They were positive they were in <b>true union</b> with Christ.                            |  |

Astoundingly Jesus never **hinted that any of the above was not true**. He did not say to them that they were liars, or that they had no faith, no belief, no trust. His answer is not based upon **any** of the **above points**. They are of no consequence to Christ because the issue between man and God had **not** been settled: the living Christ was the only mediator of the new covenant, and these people never entered into it. **The issue between man and God is a love issue, and this issue alone determines one's entrance into the kingdom of God. As Christ said there was only one way to enter the new covenant, and that was via the strait gate and narrow way, then we must conclude that these people never entered the strait gate, never walked the narrow way, but found 'some other way' into the sheepfold. As a result, they never met the living Christ, they never found out what agape love was, and they never entered into true union.**

#### **The answer of Jesus Christ**

How Jesus answers these poor souls gives us the real keys we need to know to unlock the mystery of what happened, and why their theology was incorrect. The answer given is a chilling answer, and should cause every single soul to ponder within themselves **if indeed they be in the faith**. The answer will show us the nature of the deception.

It is possible to be a totally sincere and dedicated Christian and still be under a grand delusion. You can think you know Jesus Christ in a very personal and intimate way, to pray and draw close to this Jesus you think you know, and appropriate all the powers of the Holy Spirit by faith and baptism. You can lay your life on the line for missionary service, be a powerful evangelist, teacher or preacher and still **never come into union with Jesus Christ**. This is more tragic than your worst nightmare, for you will never wake up from it. You will lose eternal life and there will be no hope of recovery for all time.

**"and then Will I profess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (MAT 7:23)**

We will inspect this answer very closely for the rest of this book. It shows us what happened. We will first explore the following words:

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| <b>1. And then</b> | <b>4. Knew</b>     |
| <b>2. I</b>        | <b>5. You</b>      |
| <b>3. Never</b>    | <b>6. Iniquity</b> |

With these words we will begin to unlock the mystery of what happened and why. We can only scratch the surface here, for our point in this chapter is to prove that the vast majority of Christians can and will be sent to eternal ruin.

1. **And then**. The key word here is then. It proves that union had never taken place at all during their earthly lives. The word for 'then' is "tote" and it means **at that time**. It means at the time of their judgment. He waits until the judgment itself to tell these souls that **union had never taken place**.

2. The next word is the personal pronoun **"I"**. It is used by a living being with central awareness. It is used by the very much alive and resurrected Jesus Christ. He is referring to himself, **his central essence**. He is saying that **he himself never knew them**. He does not say that God the father did not know them, or that the Holy Spirit did not know them. He is referring to himself only. That concept might shock you, because are not the persons of the trinity one? Mainline denominational Christian theology preaches a trinity, that there are three persons in the godhead. The bible does **not** teach you that union with the Holy Spirit is salvation. Nor does it teach you that union with God the father is salvation. The bible teaches you under no uncertain terms that **union with Jesus Christ** is what saves the individual. The reason for this is because **it is Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind**, and not the Holy Spirit or God the father. There is a trinity, and each performs tasks in this mystery of salvation. We will explore this fully, but it is a truth, and a truth ignored by modern Christian theology. Modern theology tells you if you have the Holy Spirit you have it all. On one side of their mouth they teach a trinity, on the other side, they ignore it. Do not ignore it on the issue of salvation, for if you do, you will end up one of the many who thought they knew Jesus, when in fact they did not.

3. **"never"** The word never is very important. It comes from the greek word "oudepote" and it means, **not even at any time, not ever, never at all, at no time whatsoever**. The root of the word is "oude" and it means **not even ever, never at all**. This is vital, for it tells us what we need to know: there was never true union with the living Jesus Christ. Christ

is saying that at no time in their lives, not ever was there a moment of union with him. Not since the day they were born to the day they died! He never made contact with them, and they never made contact him. There was never any 'meeting of the hearts'. It is important to understand the impact of what Jesus is saying. He did not say:

1. **I knew you once but I have rejected you.**
2. **I knew you once but you fell away and backslid.**
3. **I knew you once, but I am counting it as though I never knew you at all.**
4. **I knew you, but you later rejected me.**

Jesus said none of those things. He said only that **never in all of their lives** was there contact made with them. Union never occurred. **Regeneration never occurred.** They were not born again, they only **thought** they were born again. How is this possible? How could a believer think he was in union with Christ, a most intimate union at that, and in fact no union was ever made? We had better dig until we find the answer.

4. **"knew"** The word 'knew' is "ginosko" and it means to come to know in the absolute sense, to understand totally, to know **experientially**. It is often used in a relationship sense between the person known and the person knowing. It is used to express **union in an experiential sense**.

**"and then I will declare in a public announcement to them I never came to know you Experientially...." (Wuest New Testament translation)**

The random house dictionary of the english language gives the definition of experience as 1. A particular instance of **personally encountering or undergoing something**. 2. The process or fact of **personally observing, encountering or understanding something**. **The synonyms are encounter, know**. Could it mean a real literal and experiential REV and manifestation of Christ to the believer? This is not only denied by modern christianity, it would be branded as Satanic!

6. **"you"** This word is important in that it reveals that Christ feels there must be a real union between two living entities. This union is considered by Christ to be essential for salvation, for without it you are rejected out of hand. **He is saying that "I" Jesus, never came into union with "you"**. Christ was never admitted into the heart of hearts.

7. **"iniquity"** The word 'iniquity' is "anamia", and it means **illegality or violation of law, transgression of law, or lawlessness**. He is not using this in the terms of human law, but of God's law. The new covenant **is a legally binding contract between God and the human race**. It is a legal document, which God and those who he seeks must abide by. The commands of Jesus Christ on the mount establish the requirements of entering into this covenant for a new heart. If you refuse to comply with the requirements because of theology or any other reason, you are in violation of the covenant itself, and thus you are a transgressor of God's law. **The new law is agape love**. If you do not have agape love, because you refuse to walk the narrow way, then you are in violation of the new law of agape love, the new covenant. This is true because you are claiming you have entered in legally when in fact you have not. You are a thief and a robber, plundering the promises of God, taking what belongs to the rightful heirs and claiming them for yourself when you have no right whatever to do so. This makes you lawless, which is why the scripture brands such a one as a "bastard". The word for bastard is "nothos" in the greek, and it means **a spurious or illegitimate son**. And this in turn makes your works, no matter how sincere, works of 'iniquity'.

**"but if ye be without chastisement, Whereof all are partakers, then are ye Bastards. And not sons." (HEB 12:8)  
**"a bastard shall not enter Into the congregation of the LORD..." (DEU 23:2)****

God does not change, and he so states that fact in the bible. Only his methods change, but his concepts and his laws never change. **A bastard will never enter into heaven**. He is excluded. **The 'many' dynamic powerhouse Christians were in fact bastards**. That is why Christ had to send them away. They were bastards because they were without the chastisement of the LORD. They had never entered into the strait gate, and **they never walked the chastisement road called the narrow way**. Thus Jesus calls all of their works, no matter how sincere, as "iniquity". **They were not done under the law, they were not done in agape love, but instead in their own natural love, phileo.**

An example of this would be for you to put on a police uniform and go out and operate under the authority of the city you reside in. You have not entered into a contract with your local government. You have not been hired, sent to school and have no official backing. You are an impostor, a transgressor of the law, a bastard policeman. What Christ is saying to these people is that they are **not genuine**. They are not authentic Christians, but are imitators, look alikes! The point we must remember is this: **the vast majority of Christians are not aware that they are impostors**. They honestly and sincerely think they are in union with Christ! They are positive they under grace and faith, yet they are rank **legalists, working under the law, because they did not avail themselves of God's grace. They frustrated it. Because they were not regenerated, they did not have agape love. Because they did not have agape love, they were not sons of God. Because they were not sons of God, they were bastard sons. Because they were bastard sons, they were not under grace, and therefore, they were under works. They did not realize it. It is a most tragic deception.**

#### **Paul's warning to Christians**

Now we will turn to the apostle Paul, who will help us to further understand this mystery as to why Christ rejected the vast majority of Christians. These verses of scripture are quoted from by every church, but little do they know the real meaning that lies within this message, for it is a message of warning to the church. If heeded, salvation will result, if rejected, eternal ruin.

**"though I speak With the tongues of men and angels,And have not Charity (agape love), I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge And though I have all faith, So that I could remove mountains, And Have not charity (agape love),**

**I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods To feed the poor, and though I Give my body to be burned, And have not charity (agape love), It profiteth me nothing." (1CO 13:1-3)**

The following gifts are mentioned by Paul:

- 1. The gift of tongues of all types.**
- 2. The gift of prophesy**
- 3. The gift of knowledge.**
- 4. The gift of wisdom.**
- 5. The gift of faith that moves mountains.**

There is no question that Paul is referring to specific gifts of the spirit. The gifts of the spirit are gifts of power. To obtain them, you must be baptized by a power baptism of the Holy Spirit. In ACT, you will find that the baptism always gave the believer great power. Many Christians believe that baptism in the Holy Spirit proves one is saved. A baptism of power does not prove anything except that you have a supernatural power. Salvation is not based upon a power baptism. The Holy Spirit did not redeem mankind. Jesus Christ is the only redeemer of man. Salvation is based upon union with Jesus Christ. The union with Christ is a union with the agape love spirit of Christ. Scripture will prove that power is not spirit, and spirit is not power. They are two different items, given at different times.

**"but ye shall Receive power, After that the holy ghost is come upon you: And ye shall be witnesses unto me Both in jerusalem, and in all judea-a-a, and in sa-ma'-ri-a, and Unto the uttermost parts of the earth." (ACT 1:8)**

Zechariah speaks to this issue directly, and as we look at what he says, we should ponder the correctness of present day theology reference the baptism of the holy ghost in power. Remember to keep in your mind the difference between essence and power. Essence is the character behind the power. Power of itself does not prove essence, which is why Satan can duplicate the gifts of power and bring many under deception.

**"and he said unto me, what seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a Candlestick all of gold, with a bowl on top of it, And his seven lamps thereon, And seven pipes to the seven lamps, Which are upon the top thereof:" (ZEC 4:2)**

The candlestick represents the spirit of the LORD. It is via the spirit that a soul becomes regenerated. God did not say, I will put my power into your heart, a new power will I give you, he said by my spirit, a new spirit will I give unto you:

**"then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, no, my LORD. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto zerubbAbel, saying Not by might, Nor by power, But by my spirit, Saith the LORD of hosts." (ZEC 4:5-6)**

It is union with the spirit of Christ, which is agape love within that saves you. We will prove later that power baptism has nothing whatever to do with union with Christ. Paul lists these gifts of the spirit, and yet says there is something more. He calls it agape love (charity). One can even have faith to remove mountains. So much for the doctrine of faith is everything! One can even give away all they own, and give their lives at the stake and be burned to death, but it does not mean anything whatsoever. This is a hard saying. Paul is saying none of these matter whatever, in the issue of what constitutes true salvation. It is interesting that the 'many' who stood before Christ had gifts of the Holy Spirit! Did they not have faith that could move mountains? Did they not do wonderful works? Did they not cast out demons and heal the sick in the name of Jesus?

There is a common element missing in both of these warnings to Christians. For the many, Christ said: "**I never knew you**". Paul said "**if I have not charity (agape love)**". Christ is agape love. They did not have Christ, they did not have agape love. The common element missing: **agape love**. The common element present is a **power baptism** of the Holy Spirit. **Power baptism does not settle the issue between you and your God**. The many did not settle the issue between themselves and the living God, which is a love issue, a spirit issue, a new heart with the spirit of Christ within it, that is to say, agape love. They are thus rejected, and their religion, their works were in vain, it did not profit them anything.

**Baptism of power vs. The spirit of Christ within**

**Power (signs & wonders) vs. Agape love spirit**

**"..now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, He is none of his." (ROM 8:9)**

The spirit of Christ is wholly different than a power baptism. This will be proved later by much scripture. Why did not these vast numbers of Christians lay hold of agape love? They claimed they had the agape love of God within them, they were positive they were working in and under this agape love. Part of the reason they believed this was because they had received the baptism of power. They were under deception, for power baptism does not saves anyone. Their theology, while telling them they had agape love, in reality **prevented** them from having it. They must have embraced a theology that circumvented the strait gate and narrow way, thus they never came to **life**, and never came to true **agape love which is the essence of all spiritual life**.

This issue of agape love is where the multitude of Christians go astray. Scripture proves that unless your works are done in agape love, they are done in vain. That is what Paul is saying: unless I have agape love (charity), I profit nothing. In other words, all my works were done in vain! If you are **deceived into thinking you have agape love when you do not**, then all of your religious works are of no effect. Therefore:

**"I never knew you" = "if I have not charity"**

**"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that Ye present your bodies a Living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, Which is your reasonable service." (ROM 12:1)**

The command of the LORD is that we present ourselves as a living sacrifice. God wants us as a **sacrifice**. A sacrifice is something that is **killed** and then offered up on the alter of the LORD. It is this sacrifice that makes us holy and acceptable. Without it, we are not counted holy, nor are we acceptable. The many were neither holy nor acceptable, Christ sent them away. By deduction we conclude they did not in truth **offer themselves as a living sacrifice in spite of all of their works, which they counted as their sacrifice. This proves that the 'works' of a Christian are not the sacrifice that God is speaking of here. The sacrifice that God wants is their death via the narrow way.** They never died on the alter of God, and therefore all of their works were vanity. Why? **The command to offer yourself as a living sacrifice is connected to the strait gate and narrow way.** In other words, by entering the strait gate, and walking the narrow way, you are offering yourself to God as a living sacrifice. One of the elements of the narrow way is a living **death**. Just after death lies life. **Life is agape love. Agape love is holy, and is acceptable unto the LORD.** Scripture proves that one must die a **living death** to find life. That dying is the offering up of your body as a living sacrifice. The key word is **sacrifice** or **dying**.

Scripture will be presented to prove beyond all question that agape love is the issue between you and your God. It will prove that regeneration or being born again involves agape love. True union with Christ involves agape love. Being a true son of God involves agape love. The self **must die** before agape love is granted. You cannot die a living death until and unless you **enter the strait gate and walk the narrow way, for it is God's method of killing you while you are still walking around very much alone.** . Jesus gave us no other way. The whole bible is a book about agape love. Agape love is the **only** issue between God and man, and until and unless this issue is settled you remain lost in trespasses and sins.

Agape love must be the issue the vast majority of Christians refused to settle. That means a person can be converted and still not have agape love. A person can be baptized in water and by the Holy Spirit and still not have agape love. You can have faith enough to move mountains and still not have agape love. You can have great belief and still not have agape love. You can do mighty works of supernatural power and still not have agape love. You can memorize the bible backwards and forwards and still not have agape love. You can leave everything and follow Jesus and still not have agape love. You can die a martyr and still not have agape love. How is it possible that you can have faith, belief, Holy Spirit power and still not have agape love? Modern Christian theology would claim that is not possible! Jesus says it is not only possible, but that the vast majority of Christians are going to eternal ruin because they do not lay hold of this mysterious agape love. Paul and the other New Testament writers agree, and they wrote under the power of the Holy Spirit. Agape love is salvation! The strait gate and narrow way is the method you must employ to obtain it! You can either believe Christ and do what he commands, and find out the mystery of union with Christ, or you can remain lost in your sins.

#### **Further evidence of Christians rejected**

There is a vast amount of scripture dedicated to the fact that Christians can and will be sent away into eternal ruin and loss. In REV we find seven letters that Christ wrote to seven literal churches in asia minor at the time of JOH. These letters form the entire church age story as to types of believers, types of churches and specific church ages. Although many reject the concept, these letters are of extreme importance in the prophetic and doctrinal sense. This is easily proved by the names given the churches, and by tracing actual church history, as well as comparing the message with doctrines on salvation the last day church is a totally lost church. It is called the church of Laodicea, a luke-warm apostate church, **with a theology that damns them to eternal ruin.**

This church system is highly visible to the world, with vast social programs, works of social giving and all the trappings of what is considered modern christianity. What is important here is that Jesus considers them **a church, part of his body.**

**"and unto the angel Of the church of the laodicean write: These things saith the amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. I know thy works, that thou art Neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art LUKwarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: And knowest not That thou art Wretched and miserable And poor and blind and naked. (REV 3:14-17)**

This church of Jesus Christ **assumes** they have need of nothing whatever, either physical or spiritual. They obviously consider themselves saved and heaven bound. They think their works before the LORD are approved and that they are in good standing. Yet Jesus says to them that they "**knowest not**". Thus we can rightfully conclude the following:

1. They have undergone **conversions** to Jesus Christ.
2. They have **accepted Christ** insofar as they know.
3. They have said the sinner's prayer or made an equivalent dedication of their lives to Christ.
4. They have been **baptized** in one form or another.
5. They are sure they are **regenerated or born again.**
6. They are positive they are **saved** and going to heaven.
7. They are positive their faith and belief in Christ is a saving faith and a saving belief, and that their theologies are correct.
8. They are sure their works will be accepted.
9. They are sure they have 'right standing' before the LORD.
10. They are under a deception, **they knowest not.**

Jesus is most blunt: "**I will spue thee out of my mouth.**" Christ rejects them as utter poison. The word 'spue' is "emeo" in the greek, which is where we get our word 'emetic', an agent used to make one vomit poison out of their

system. These people are not going to enter heaven. They are rejected. This is just as serious as the 'many' who stood before Christ rejected. Are they the same crowd? It does not sound like they are, because the 'many' in MAT were front liners in the battle between Christ and Satan. These do not appear to be engaged in anything except a LUKwarm nominal Christian faith exercise. They are **LUKwarm apostates, pew warmers**. They are not on the front lines, but they have the same delusion, and they are under rank deception: Jesus says to them: **"thou knowest not"**.

This is deception. They are totally unaware of their true standing before Christ. They are totally unaware of the fact that they are going to hellfire, and not heaven. They are however considered to be **part** of the **body of Christ**.

Notice that Christ does not say I might or that I could spew them out, but that he is going to do so. Their fate is sealed, **short of a full biblical repentance**. This is important because they are **considered by Christ himself as in his body**. You cannot spew out that which you have not accepted. They are in the **sheepfold**. They are Christians, a part of the body of Christ. They are obviously believers. The word 'church' is "ekklesia" and it means **a calling out, a religious congregation, a Christian community, assembly of believers, the called out ones**. One could hardly say these were not Christians! Jesus says they are, but they are under a rank deception, a delusion. Their theology is faulty, their faith is defective, their belief system in grave error.

How is it possible to bend your knee to Christ, be accepted into the body of Christ by Christ himself and yet end up rejected? Again we will find only one reason: **they have not come into union with him and they are not regenerated**. Their theology of what constituted regeneration was **not** what Christ presented. These people do not have agape love, they do not have union, they are lost in their trespasses and sins.

**"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, That thou mayest be rich: And white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; And anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, That thou mayest see. (REV 3:18)**

The list that Christ gave them is a list of the things that attend to the salvation of the soul! They are part of true union with Christ, or regeneration.

### **1. Gold tried in the fire.**

The gold here is real faith. Faith is the **operative dynamic** in salvation, the fuel used to bring you into the new covenant. It is what propels the believer through the strait gate and down the narrow way. However you can have faith to move mountains and still refuse the narrow way! There is a faith in faith, a faith that is static, a dead faith. Paul, in 1 corinthians 13 was referring to a **faith in faith itself, which is idol worship. It is the faith of modern christianity, a faith that takes the place of Christ himself, that becomes Christ himself.** *"that the trial of your faith, being more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be Tried with fire, Might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."* (IPE 1:7)

**2. White raiment** - the white robes of righteousness are found only in Jesus Christ, the robe of agape love, bestowed upon every true believer at regeneration. This robe of agape love covers our sins forever. Without this robe you are naked, and the shame of your nakedness appears. That is why Christ demands you buy it from him, even though it is free:

**"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the Robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." (ISA 61:10)**

**"let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the lamb is come, and his wife Hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be Arraved in fine linen, Clean and white; For the fine linen Is the righteousness of saints." (REV 19:7-8)**

The white robes are righteousness. The robe of righteousness is agape love. Righteousness is often a code word for agape love, for behind all righteousness is agape love. In other words, the essence of all righteousness is **agape love**. The white raiment represents the gift of regeneration and covering of the righteousness of Christ, it represents authentic union. Without it you are naked and not covered by the agape love of Christ.

It is important to realize also that REV 19:7 says the wife made herself ready. It does not say that Christ made his wife ready, but that **she made herself ready**. It was something the bride did herself. This relates back to the commands of Christ to pick up thy cross, enter ye in, and walk the narrow way. It is something each Christian **must do by themselves**, it is an active command. Christ did not ever say he would pick up our cross, enter the strait gate or walk the narrow way for us. It is a command that we must do. It is the command the 'many' refused.

**3. Eyesalve** -spiritual eyesight, that ability to read and understand the scriptures from the agape love viewpoint. It is revealed only to those who have come into union with Christ. They have a whole new perspective, for when agape love is bestowed, the eyesight goes from blind to 20/20!

**"but the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: For they are foolishness unto him: Neither can he know them, Because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, Yet he himself is judged of no man." (1CO 2:14-15)**

True spiritual seeing is seeing through the eyes of **agape love**. The many who were rejected thought they were spiritual, but they were blind leaders leading the blind, and they all fell into the pit. They do not have the eyesalve of agape love which would allow them to see spiritual truths. Remember they are under a deception, they only think they are spiritual. This can only happen if you embrace a false theology, and if you redefine what faith, grace, repentance, conversion, regeneration, works and legalism mean. If you could redefine them, and get people to buy into those definitions, you could lead the vast majority of people into eternal ruin.

**That is exactly what Satan has done.**

These people are **not saved at all**. Their eternal destiny is ruin. They are going to be rejected out of hand by Christ as a vile poison. To make sure there is no mistake in their lost condition, Christ says: *"behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne." (REV 3:20-21)*

Please understand that Jesus ties together the new heart covenant with overcoming just as JOH does. The last day church is an **unsaved, hell bound church with millions of followers**. These people are sincere, nice people, dedicated in their work for the LORD, but they will never see heaven. They are under a delusion, a deception.

### **Real and false believers**

Hidden deep within the letters that Christ wrote the churches is the total verification we need to prove that there are a multitude of sincere Christians going to eternal ruin. They possess a head faith, an intellectual faith, a sense faith, a flesh and carnal faith that is posing as **real biblical faith**. They sincerely believe they are saved, and take affront at someone suggesting to them it is not so. If you embrace false salvation as true salvation, **you will automatically reject what constitutes true salvation.**

Every letter that Christ wrote to the churches has a key phrase that we must look at very carefully. In every church, which means **called out ones**, we find Christ subdividing the believers into two groups: **overcomers and non-overcomers**. We know from previous study that the many perish; that means **only the few are overcomers**. It is vital that Christ warn each church that they must overcome something in order to obtain salvation.

1. Ephesus - **to him that overcometh** (REV 2:7): *"...to him that overcometh Will I give to eat of the tree of life, Which is in the midst of the paradise of God."*

To the overcomer only is the promise made of eternal life. That is the automatic gift of **authentic regeneration** (JOH 10:28).

2. Smyrna - **to him that overcometh** (REV 2:11): *"...he that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." "he that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I shall be his God, and he shall be my son." (REV 21:7)*

When one becomes an **overcomer** one escapes the condemnation of the second death. The second death is the final separation from God for all time. If you are not an overcomer, then you do face the second death.

3. Pergamos - **to him that overcometh** (REV 2:17): *"...to him that overcometh Will I give to eat of the hidden manna, And will give him a white stone, and in the stone A new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."*

To the overcomer only is a white stone granted. This white stone is the stone of acquittal, given to those who have been found **not guilty**. There is a hidden manna also given. The manna and the stone go hand in hand. Manna is a code word for agape love, the hidden mystery of God, revealed only to those who have entered the strait gate and walked the narrow way to find life!

4. Thyatira - **to him that overcometh** (REV 2:26-28): *'And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, To him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my father. And I will give him the morning star.'*

These are the automatic gifts of salvation, for the overcomer sits on the throne with Christ! The morning star is Christ himself, coming into that persons heart of hearts, ascending to the throne room of the great "I am" of each true believer (JOH 17:21.26; REV 20:4).

5. Sardis - **to him that overcometh** (REV 3:5): *"he that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in White raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my father, and before his angels."*

We have already discovered that the gift of white raiment is the gift of agape love, or Christ within, who is agape love. If you have walked the narrow way to find life, which is in Christ, then you have been granted eternal life, and you cannot be and will not be blotted out of the book of life! The reason this is so is because the issue between you and God is forever settled in the heavens. To try you again for the same crime would be double jeopardy!

6. Philidelphia - **to him that overcometh** (REV 3:12): *"him that Overcometh Will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, And he shall go no more go out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, And the name of the city of my God, which is new jerusalem, Which cometh down out of heaven from my God: And I will write upon him my new name."*

Again we find all of the gifts God has made to his true sons. His eternal home is new jerusalem, and he shall be an eternal pillar in the temple of the LORD.

7. Laodicea - **to him that overcometh** (rev 3:21): *"to him that Overcometh Will I grant to sit with me on my throne, Even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne."*

This is one of the gifts of authentic regeneration. The overcomer sits with Christ in the heavenly places because of the gift of agape love. It is the essence of agape love that is the mystery of God. Scripture proves it to be so: *"and hath raised us up together, And made us sit together In heavenly places In Christ Jesus." (EPH 2:6)*

It becomes evident that within the body of Christ there are the **many** and the **few**. The many are mere professors of Christ. The few are the actual possessors of new life, and they alone are called overcomers. All of the promises are directed to the overcomers. Thus we must and can deduce that the many who stand before Jesus Christ rejected **were not overcomers**. This must be true because Christ himself said all overcomers will enter heaven. The many do not enter heaven at all, therefore **the one thing they did not do was to 'overcome'**. Can we prove that the use of the word 'overcome' is in fact a direct term used for regeneration? If we could, then we could prove the comments of Christ, that he never knew them. Paul's comment that "if you have not charity" and being an overcomer all relate to one thing: **regeneration.**

**"...verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man Be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (JOH 3:3)  
"for whosoever Is born of God overcometh The world" (1 JOH 5:4)**

What could be more blunt? What could be more plain? What could be more obvious? **Whosoever is born of God is an overcomer.** Whosoever is born of God has been regenerated. Whosoever is born of God has entered the strait gate and walked the narrow way and found **life.** This life is in Christ, and if you have the son, you have life (1 JOH 5:11-12). The very words regeneration or born again mean the **gift of new life.**

The next question we have is this: can we connect agape love directly to regeneration? The answer is yes!

**"beloved, let us (agape) love one another: for (agape) love is of God; and Every one that (agape) loveth Is born of God, And Knoweth God." (1 JOH 4:7)**

**"he that (agape) loveth not, Knoweth not God; For God is (agape) love" (1 JOH 4:8)**

**"behold, what manner of Agape love The father hath bestowed upon us, That we should be called the Sons of God..." (1 JOH 3:1)**

Being born of God is coming to a knowledge of the hidden mystery of God, a mystery so well hidden that only **a few** will ever find it. It is not that the many could not find it, but that they build a theology that claims they **have** found it. They appropriated a love they do not have! They were under a delusion! They redefined totally what regeneration actually means. In summary the, we have the following for the **OVERCOMERS:**

1. **The overcomer eats from the tree of life, and life is at the end of the narrow way.**
2. **The overcomer will not taste of the second death, and is exempt from condemnation.**
3. **The overcomer only will eat of the hidden manna of agape love.**
4. **The overcomer only is granted the white stone of acquittal.**
5. **The overcomer only is granted a new name (authority) because of agape love bestowement.**
6. **The overcomer only is given the morning star, which is Christ within.**
7. **The overcomer only will rule the nations.**
8. **The overcomer only is granted the white robe of agape love covering.**
9. **The overcomer only will not have his name blotted out of the book of life.**
10. **The overcomer only is granted entrance to new jerusalem.**
11. **The overcomer only is granted the right to sit in the throne of Christ.**
12. **The overcomer only inherits all things.**

It then becomes apparent that only the overcomers have found the secret of life, and they have walked the narrow way to find it.

#### **Worship that is in vain**

Is it possible to worship the LORD Jesus Christ and have it all be in vain and for it to be of total non-effect?

**"this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But In vain They do worship me, Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (MAT 15:8-9)**

The word 'vain' is "maten" and it means **unsuccessful search, folly, and of no purpose whatsoever.** Thus the many stand before Christ and their faith, belief, mighty works of holy ghost power are totally in vain, it profits them nothing! There is a key here we need to look at. The word 'worship' is "sebomai" and it means **to revere, to adore, to be devout, to be religious.** We must understand what Jesus is saying here: you can be a devout, sincere and religious soul, wholly dedicated to the LORD, and still have your worship be of no use. **Human sincerity is not the issue here.** This is because the human heart is wicked beyond imagination (jeremiah 17:9). The natural human heart is hostile to God (ROM 8:7). Therefore a person's sincerity is a deception itself. People of other religions are sincere, and they are sincerely wrong. The issue here is not sincerity of the human heart, but is instead **deception within their own hearts that they are not aware of.**

They are not aware of it because you must **enter the strait gate and walk the narrow way to be made aware of your true nature.** That is what the strait gate and part of the narrow way accomplish. That journey makes you **aware** and also **brings you into agreement with God from your inner heart.** The many worshipped Jesus Christ. They were devout and sincere Christians from their outer heart, their conscious heart, and yet they were rejected, because the root of the human problem is the inner heart, the secret heart, the unknown heart that resides deep within. It is this heart, the hidden man that must be changed. The 'many were never aware they even had an inner evil heart. They were not aware of it because they refused to walk the narrow way to be made aware. This verse of scripture only verifies the warnings of Christ: beware, lest you be in a deception. The human heart is wicked beyond imagination according to scripture, and thus in spite of what we may think, we cannot know the depravity of it. That is what Christ outlines for us, what we must do to be saved **the process of strait gate and narrow way is a process of unmasking the inner heart's depravity. We are made to face our inner destitution, our inner death and ruin, our eternally lost state.** When a soul is faced with it's own utter darkness, with it's own depravity, God can then begin to deal with that soul on the basis of truth, not deception.

Within the inner heart of man, the hidden heart that sits upon the throne of the holy of holies, lies the antichrist. Just as there will be a literal antichrist upon the temple mount in jerusalem, who defiles the holy of holies in jerusalem, you also have an antichrist sitting upon the throne on your temple mount. He resides there in glorious splendor, directing the affairs of your life **in total secrecy.** Jesus said if you were not for him, you were against him. If you are not regenerated, you are against him. Your surface professions of conscious faith are to no avail, for it is the **hidden inner man that is antichrist to the core.** The 'peace agreement (conversion), to the **REV of antichrist** within the holy of holies, is a period of 1260 days of tribulation (the narrow way). It is Christ that destroys antichrist at his coming (regeneration). You must walk the path of the narrow way in order to **have your antichrist spirit revealed unto you.** It

is Christ that destroys your antichrist at his coming. Christ will not share his throne with another God. There is much more than meets the eye.

### **THE RELIGION OF CAIN**

You need to fully understand that you can be very religious, very devout, very sincere and very dedicated to Jesus Christ and fully miss the MAR. These are all forms of works of righteousness. **It is imperative you understand this.** The strait gate and narrow way are the opposite of works, for the narrow way has but one purpose: **to bring the believer into agreement with God from his inner and secret heart of hearts.** Scripture is adamant: we must believe from **our heart** (ROM 10:9).

God is not interested in your sincerity. God does not care about your so called dedication. He is interested in only one thing; **that you be obedient and do what he commanded, so that your inner nature, your secret heart of hearts can be exposed to you, made known to you. The inner heart lies behind the veil of the subconscious, and is secret. The narrow way is a way of unmasking it. Herein is the key to salvation and regeneration. Ignore it, and you shall perish in your sins.**

The vast majority of Christians who stood before Christ rejected had the religion of Cain, though they professed they were of Abel! Both Cain and Abel were religious. Both Cain and Abel came to the alter of God to present their offerings. Both Cain and Abel thought they were doing what God commanded.

**"and in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering; but unto Cain and his offering he had not respect..." (GEN 4:3-5)**

Cain was considered a religious person. He came with what he thought was a sincere offering. It was utterly rejected by God. Both of them came to the house of the LORD, both of them presented offerings, **both were very sincere.** Both of them are types of believers! Abel was accepted, Cain was rejected: why? The many who stood before Christ were also rejected, along with their offerings and all of their dedicated service. **Both Cain and the many were sincere.** What happened?

There is a book written by g.h. Pember in 1876 which is called "earth earliest ages", and it is so much to the point that I quote from it here: "as they grew to manhood the brothers adopted different pursuits. Cain became a tiller of the ground, and therefore had reason to feel the curse in all of it's bitterness: but Abel was a keeper of sheep. And, since men were not, at that time, allowed to touch animal food, these sheep must have been kept for sacrificial purposes and for the manufacture of garments. Hence Cain assisted in the production of food for the primeval family, while Abel's duties were concerned with their religious services and clothing.

In the process of time the brothers brought each an offering unto the LORD, presented it, probably at the gate of paradise. And God has respect unto Abel and his offering; but unto Cain and to his offering he had no respect. The reason of this difference is fraught with the deepest interest to us: for there are many in the latter days who according to the prophecy of jude (jude 11) have gone the way of Cain: the theology of the first murderer is that of a larger and perpetually increasing school of our times. He neither denied the existence of God nor refused to worship him. Ney, he recognized him as the giver of all good things, and brought his offering of fruits of the ground as an acknowledgment of his bounty. But he went no further than this; and therefore, though he may have passed among those with whom he dwelt as a good and religious man, he failed to satisfy God. For being yet in his sins he presumed to approach God the holy one without the shedding of blood: he was willing to take the place of a dependent creature, but would not confess himself a sinner guilty of death who could be saved only by a sacrifice of a substitute." (page 118)

**The religion of Cain is the religion of the many.** They brought their offerings before the LORD. They served the LORD with utter dedication and sincerity, yet they refused to enter the strait gate and walk the narrow way. They tithe a great tithe, they worship with song and adore the LORD. They say how they love Jesus and cannot live even a moment without him by their side. They pray to their Jesus and offer him total devotion. They are obedient unto the LORD, and visit the sick, those in prison, those that are shut in, and the elderly. They hand out trACT, pray diligently, read their scriptures and attend to their church duties. They support local charity, do good works, support radio and television ministries, but for all that **they miss the entire point of scripture. They will not offer up their own souls to soul death. They will not walk the narrow way to death that they might find life, which is the life of Christ, which is agape love.**

Because they refuse to offer up their own souls to the LORD, by walking the narrow way, Christ never does come in contact with them. His statement to them that they pick up their own cross and follow him **in death** fell upon deaf ears. **They replied they were under faith and grace, and therefore did not have to do as Christ commanded.** That would be a 'work' and they excluded it. Their definition of faith and grace was in grave error, and they perish for eternity. **They refused to be obedient in the one area they had to be!** They invented a theology that told them they did not have to do anything like that, and as a result, they go into eternal ruin, utterly rejected.

### **Believers who would kill Christ**

The gospel of John contains a most interesting narrative concerning believers and followers of Jesus Christ who professed total belief in him but who in truth hated him! Their religion was also the religion of Cain. We find this group of believers in the gospel of John, chapter eight:

**"as he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him..." (JOH 8:30-31)**

It is important to realize that these Jews believed upon Jesus. They had accepted his claims. The word 'believed' is "pisteuo" and it means **to have put faith in, to entrust to commit to, or to put your trust in. Assurance, belief, faith,**

**fidelity.** It is interesting to note that the same word is used for those who believe unto salvation. This being true, then are these Jews saved? If it is not faith and belief that save us, then what does?

**"if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" (JOH 8:31-32)**

Jesus is qualifying something very important. Notice they first believed. Now he says to those that believed that there is a **conditional, very conditional, aspect of their faith in him they must know**: although they are disciples, they **are not disciples indeed**. Nor are they in truth, nor do they know the truth. Jesus says they must continue for an unstated amount of time before they will find 'the truth' that will set them free. The conclusion is simple: they are not yet truly 'in the faith'. They must **continue with him, and be obedient to his demands or they will not come to a knowledge of 'the truth'**. The word 'continue' is "meno" and it means **to endure, to abide in, to remain in, to be steadfast in over a long period of time**. These Jews were face to face with Jesus who claimed he was 'the truth'. What other truth is he speaking of? If Jesus Christ is 'the truth' and they already 'believed' on him, then why are they not his true disciples and saved already? Modern christianity would declare them saved on their testimony. Jesus would not, and did not. The answer is vital to understand:

**Jesus is saying something of crucial importance here; there is another truth, and unseen truth, a hidden truth, a mystery of God, that is different than Jesus himself as messiah. It goes beyond him. It is this truth that sets us free.**

It is this other 'truth' that Jesus says will set them 'free'. They cannot know this 'other truth' unless they **abide steadfastly in his doctrine**. They must continue with him; they must search it out with all diligence. **Notice that it is the other truth that sets them free. Without it they are not free, but remain in bondage.**

What is the other "truth" that Jesus says we can know? The word 'know' is "ginosko" and it means **to know in the absolute sense, or experiential knowing. It is the same word used by Jesus when he sent the many away rejected, for he claimed he did not know them, and it is the same word used by Jesus to describe how he knew his father. They obviously then, did not know this other truth, and they were not set free, they were not at liberty**. This truth that sets us all free is an 'experiential truth' one that we can know for a fact. So now we see a division here that we must not forget: there is Jesus Christ the messiah, the historical Christ, and then there is this other 'truth', that sets you and I free. The word 'free' is "eleutheroo" and it means **to liberate, to deliver, to make free, to be at liberty**.

We have a group of believers who have faith and trust in the LORD, but they are not yet 'made free', for they have not yet 'continued' in his doctrine long enough to understand what he is speaking of

**"they answered him, we be of Abraham's seed, and we were never in bondage to any man: how savest thou, ye shall be made free?" (JOH 8:33)**

This was a foolish response, for the Jews were under the yoke of rome, but Jesus is not referring to earthly rulers. They were under a spiritual yoke, a spiritual bondage because they were dead in their trespasses and sins.

**"Jesus answered them, verily, verily, I say unto thee, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house forever; but the son abideth forever. If the son therefore shall set you free, ye shall be free indeed!" (JOH 8:34-36)**

Herein are great essential spiritual truths. Jesus tells his believers that they are still sinners, not yet free. They are still the servants of sin. What does he mean by that? They are bound by their fallen human nature. They are bound by their own evil because of the fall of man. Jesus is telling them that because of the fall of adam and eve, the servant does not abide in his house (body) forever, but dies and is taken away. Jesus, the son does abide forever, and is offering to them eternal life. So Jesus is adding details about how to be set free, and be free indeed. He is speaking about regeneration.

**"I know that ye are Abram's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen of my father: and ye that which ye have seen from your father" (JOH 8:37-38).**

Notice that his believers, his followers, his disciples, those that had faith in him actually have murder in their heart. They were in truth trying to kill him. How is that possible? Why would one make a profession of faith only to have the thought of murder deep within? Jesus gives us the answer: he belongs to his fathers kingdom, the kingdom of heaven. They belong to their father, Satan, the kingdom of hell. They do not understand what Jesus is saying because their father **blinds them to it**. Their father is Satan, and they are Satan's children, just all men everywhere are Satan's children unless they are overcomers, unless they are regenerated.

**"they answered and said unto to him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said unto them, if ye were Abrahams Children, ye would do the works of Abraham but now ye seek to kill me. A man who has told you the truth, which I have heard of God; this did not Abraham." (JOH 8:39-40)**

Jesus drives yet another division: seed vs. Children. Christ acknowledges these people are of the seed of Abraham, but they are not the children of Abraham. All mankind is the seed of God in some sense, more accurate if we say the seed of adam, but very few are the children of God/sons of God. Jesus is very blunt that they seek to kill him, because he is telling them the truth. The truth, the real truth causes mankind to be stirred in great anger and wrath. The **real truth condemns mankind to eternal damnation**. Man will simply not hear that message. They invent all forms of theological concepts to avoid the truth. They also kill the truth bringers. The many who stood before Christ rejected the truth, and **hated Christ in their inner hearts**. They only loved him with their conscious minds and hearts. Their inner hearts were of stone!

You must also remember that these people **knew their bibles**, just as the many knew their scripture. The problem is they **refused to apply it to themselves in obedience**. Because of this refusal to face who and what they really are, the

murdering heart of Cain lurks hidden just below the surface. They must walk the narrow way to have their inner hearts revealed to them.

**"ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, we be not born of fornication; we have one father, even God. Jesus said unto them, if God were your father, ye would (agapao) love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word?" (JOH 8:41-43)**

Now the exchange heats up a bit. Jesus answers his followers, those that believed upon him, **that their father is not God, nor is it Abraham.** They have another father, another God. **If they knew God, they would agapao love him.** Here we come back to this mysterious love issue again, another confirmation of why the many were lost. The many claimed God was their father. They claimed they were the sons of God, but **they had not laid hold of agape love to prove it.** Once again we find this division line: **agape love makes one a son of God, a son of Abraham,** and if you do not have agape love, your father is the devil himself.

Then Jesus asks them a question: 'why don't you understand my speech?', and then answers his own question: 'because ye cannot hear my word.' his answer fits the many. They refused **to hear** what he said to them. They refused **to obey.** They refused **to comply.** They were not going to **abide, or continue, or seek any other truth.** They believed they were saved, and they were the children of God. They were in utter rebellion, with murder in their hearts, yet they claimed they had the agape love of God. We have millions sitting in churches today **claiming** they have the **agape love of God,** but they refuse to comply with the simple demands of Christ to obtain it. The word 'hear' is "akouo" and it means **to hear, to give audience to, to come to.** This is what the many do, they **refuse Christ all the while upholding his name!**

You can put all your faith and belief in Christ and still refuse to comply with his demands. If you refuse to do his sayings, and you refuse to do the will of the father, you remain a child of Satan, you have the heart of Cain, and you will most assuredly die in your sins. Your theology will not save you, your protests will not save you, your divinity degrees will not save you, nor will your opinions.

**"ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? (JOH 8:44-46)**

Jesus now is blunt: they are dead in their trespasses and sins and Satan is their father. **No agape love, Satan is your father. If you have agape love, God is your father.** The bible claims in many places that Satan is the spiritual father of mankind, because of the fall. We find complete agreement, total harmony with the concept laid in MAT 7. The concept of the universal fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is a lie out of hell itself. God is only the father of those who have been regenerated, and the only ones who have been regenerated have walked the narrow way to find life. Jesus is saying to these believers, that they do not have agape love within them. Because of that, their father is Satan himself. Jesus said if they had agape love, then indeed they would be from Abraham! The division is verified:

**No agape love = father is Satan  
Have agape love = father is God**

It is getting clearer now what the problem of the rejected Christians really is: **they have not laid hold of the mystery of God - they have no agape love.** Who was the first murderer of the human race? Was it not Cain? Whose spirit was in Cain? Satan's (1 JOH 3:12)! Satan won dominion **over all mankind at the fall.** Adam and eve were **born again into Satan's kingdom!** You may not like it, but Satan's kingdom is right here on earth! Adam and eve became a new creation at the fall, a Satanic creation. Every person born into the human race is born into Satan's kingdom, with a fallen nature, and under the dominion and control of Satan, or else the bible is a pack of lies. When Christ came and finished his work, he paved the way for us to **follow him and extricate ourselves** from Satan's dominion. That is exactly why he said we must pick up our cross and follow him. **It is via the strait gate and narrow way that we extricate ourselves, and enter into the new covenant.** If we refuse to do what Christ commanded, we remain under the dominion of Satan and Christ's work upon the cross is of non-effect. We remain under the wrath of God.

Scripture proves that although the world is now under the grace of God, and Christians even more so, that disobedience to the commands of Christ does not avail ourselves of the protection of grace. In other words, the grace God provided was mocked, and it was offered in vain to the vast majority of mankind, including believers. If the many were under grace in truth, they could never have been sent away into eternal ruin. To make God's grace and mercy cover you, you must enter in via the strait gate. There is no other way, for grace only extends itself to those who have entered the new covenant of a regenerated heart. Notice that Jesus says to these Jews who believed upon him, that in truth they do not believe. That seems like a contradiction, but it is not. You can be a believer in Christ and still not **believe what he tells you!** In other words you believe upon him, but you do not believe enough upon what he commands of you to do it. **Unbelief is deadly to the Christian.**

**"then answered the Jews, and said unto him, say we not well that thou art a samaritan, and Hast a devil? (JOH 8:48)**

Jesus, the creator God of the universe, says to the Jews and the human race, your father is Satan himself. The human race, and the **vast majority of Christians** utterly deny it, and turn around and accuse Christ of being a demonic, of being insane! Rather than face the **reproof and rebuke of God,** the human race will rebuke God and goes into eternal ruin.

**"Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory; there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." (JOH 8:49-51)**

Jesus again confirms his first statement to these believers: they must **keep his sayings**, they must be obedient unto his commands, and if they refuse **they will perish in their sins**. Their only hope is in keeping his sayings. That is exactly what Jesus said about the 'many' in MAT seven. If a man **kept his sayings, and did them, he was a wise man**. If he would not do them, he was a foolish man and fell at the judgment. The word 'keep' is "tereo" and it means **to guard from loss, to hold fast, to prevent from escaping, to hold onto for the duration**. Here we find another reference to obedience. If you obey his commands to hold fast to his sayings, you shall find eternal life. If you refuse for whatever reason, you will perish in your sins. Is it possible that faith is proven by obedience? That obedience is God's very definition of faith?

What we have proof of here is that indeed you can be a believer, a follower, and still refuse to accept the commands of Christ and do them. These believers moved from being disciples to attempted murder, and that because they would not face the truth of who and what they were. They did not have agape love within them; they only made a profession of religion. Religion will damn your soul for eternity. Truth will save it forever. The 'many' Christians who stand before Christ are utterly rejected without mercy. They were sincere in their own eyes, and they believed in and loved Christ with all of their human love. But inwardly their hearts were far from him, for your human love is not what Christ demands of you. **He demands that your human love be exchanged for the agape love of Christ**. The many refused to allow the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, righteousness and judgment. They refused to allow Christ entrance to their heart of hearts, their great throne room, where their great 'I am' sat in regal splendor. There was no room in their inn for Christ. They made him sleep outside. For all of their profession, they took the broad road to eternal hellfire.

#### **Servants - wise and foolish**

In the parables of Christ are multitudes of gems of truth waiting to be discovered by the diligent seeker. As you turn a diamond, you begin to see the many facets of the cut, and how each catches light. Only by close examination do we find all the catches of light. So it is with the parables of Christ. One of many facets in those parables is the constant division Christ makes between types of believers. The point to understand is that Christ always **divides** believers into two types, and only two types. These types are faithful and obedient, and unfaithful and disobedient. The obedient are the wise servants, and the disobedient are evil servants. It does not matter what parable you look at in which servants are involved. The distinctions and divisions are clear for all to see. **It is important to recognize that Christ calls both of them servants**.

The use of the term servants is vital to prove that Christ will send many Christians into eternal ruin. In all of the parables about servants, the unwise and evil servants are sent away into eternal ruin. By contrast the wise and faithful are always granted entrance into the father's kingdom. All of them are believers, all of them are considered part of God's family. The word 'servant' is "doulos" and it means **slave, one owned by another**. A servant has a LORD and master, one who rules over him, if not in deed, in truth. All servants are within the body of Christ. They have been accepted into the church, as we found in the book of REV. But not all Christians are obedient servants, in fact the vast majority are not. They are unwise, foolish and evil in the sight of Christ. They are not overcomers. Both types are under the LORDship of Jesus Christ.

One of the better parables to clearly show this distinction between wise and faithful and unwise and foolish servants is the parable of the good man of the house. We will pick up at the very end of this parable (MAT 24:43-51)

**"and shall cut him (the evil servant) asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (MAT 24:51)**

Jesus appoints the evil servants to eternal ruin. They are identical to hypocrites, in fact they are hypocrites. They have a form of godliness but deny the power of God. The word for 'hypocrite' is "hupokrites" and it means **acting under a feigned part, and actor under an assumed character**. They are frauds, workers of iniquity. Why? Because they are not in truth regenerated, they have not laid hold of the mystery of God; **they have not laid hold of agape love, they only claimed they had by theology. Because they did not have it, they were liars, frauds, hypocrites.**

They built a theology that told them they did not have to enter the strait gate, or walk the narrow way. They bypassed it, laid hold of all the promises of God, claimed they had agape love in their hearts, feigned agape love, called themselves the sons of God, but knew not Jesus Christ or God. Their eternal punishment is horrible beyond imagination. Repent you, and come by the door into the sheepfold before it is too late! Being a hypocrite was one thing that Jesus could not stand more than any other. He wanted confessions of truth from people. If you were his enemy, he wanted you to so state. You can deal with a person that is your sworn enemy. It is difficult indeed to deal with one who calls you 'friend', but in reality is a deadly foe. Christ has a special place for these hypocrites, who claim him as their LORD, but refuse his commandments, who claim they know him and God, but only **know Satan and their own conceits**.

It is vital to understand, however, that the unwise and foolish servants do not recognize the fact that they are hypocrites. They are under a delusion, a deception of Satan. **They do not understand they are stage players, they 'knowest not'**. This deception comes from their theology. They have embraced a false theology which damns them.

If you do not think your destination is hell, then obviously you believe you are going to heaven. Your beliefs do not matter to Christ. What matters to Christ is that you come to a full recognition of where you are in relationship to God, and that you confess it, and that you become obedient and do what Christ commands to rectify it. Jesus will never condemn a human soul that admits to his condition and who comes to him in truth for salvation.

Scripture will prove that Jesus himself stands close to the end of the narrow way, and therefore we must enter the strait gate and walk the distance of the narrow way first to find life (**agape love in Christ**)! There is no other entrance whatever. In the parable of the talents, the servants of the LORD are given talents to invest for their LORD Jesus Christ. Many assume this is a parable on money, but it is much more than that. It is also a parable of the use of your several abilities, or spirit given gifts to help the body of Christ. Look what Christ does to the wicked servant:

**"and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His LORD answered and said unto him, thou wicked and slothful servant, Thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed... And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping And gnashing of teeth." (MAT 25:25, 26; 30)**

The wicked servant was afraid. In REV 21:8 Jesus says '**but the fearful...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death**'. The wicked servant was given the power to become a son of God. He was given gifts of the spirit when he/she became a Christian. The unwise servant did not enter the strait gate, did not walk the narrow way to life, and therefore could not in truth lead others to life. Their talents were hid in the ground, not utilized for the kingdom; but instead they became false teachers and false prophets, who took millions into eternal ruin with them!

If we examine the parable of the ten virgins, we will find a total confirmation of believers being sent away into eternal ruin and loss. Christ clearly shows us the danger to Christians who do not enter the strait gate and walk the narrow way. It proves there are two types of believers: the true believers who obey and do, and the false believers who do not obey and who are shut out of heaven altogether. This parable is what is called a double reference parable. That is, it has two meanings, one referring to salvation itself, the other in a prophetic sense. We will examine this parable in relationship to the 'many' rejected, who are in fact foolish virgins, who never consummated the act of union with Christ.

**"then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five were wise, and five were foolish." (MAT 25:1-2)**

All ten of these virgins go forth to meet the bridegroom. Is Christ not the bridegroom? Now remember there were two ways that Christ told us his people would follow, but all go forth to meet him. Although all had lamps, five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish. The word 'meet' is "apantesis" and it means **to encounter, to meet someone face to face**. This is of vital importance. Remember that Jesus said "I never **knew** you", to the many. In other words, he never had an experiential encounter with them. There was never any union. All Christians are supposed to enter the strait gate and walk the narrow way to encounter Jesus Christ who is the holder of agape love 'life'. The wise virgins will; the foolish virgins will not. All virgins have set out on their journey. Five will take the broad way; five will take the narrow way.

**"they that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." (MAT 25:3-4)**

The only division Christ gave to us to divide the wise from the foolish is the oil supply. The foolish only had the oil that was in their lamps. The wise had an additional supply of oil, so that when their lamps began to burn out, they could fill it again and continue on their journey. There is no other division made here. It becomes obvious that the additional oil allows the lamps to burn for a longer period of time. Their lamps can 'continue' and 'abide' and 'remain' in a lighted condition. What then does the oil represent? Does it have to do with the strait gate and narrow way?

The lamps shed light. The light comes from the oil itself. It is the oil that brings light. What is the job of the Holy Spirit? It is to bring light. The oil therefore must be the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was sent to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment, which is leading one to the truth. The light must be the truths of the word. The five foolish took only a limited supply of oil. Their supply of oil brought them to the truth of Jesus Christ as messiah, which is the historical Christ. They entered the broad gate of general christianity, the sheepfold. That was as far as they would allow the Holy Spirit to bring them. They had the religion of Cain. The five wise virgins had an additional supply. That additional supply allowed the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment in truth, for they entered the strait gate and walked the narrow way and **encountered Christ**. The foolish took the broad way only, had limited interest, and limited dedication. They accepted Christ, but went no further. Their theology told them they did not need to go further.

A truth begins to emerge here. All people who undergo conversions are given a supply of oil. The Holy Spirit is allowed in their lives only enough to convert them to the historical Christ, the Christ of the cross. The division is in the extra supply of oil. The wise allow the spirit of real conviction to work it's work to soul death. Jesus said you must die. He meant what he said, as will be proven. Without supernatural soul death there can be no new life granted. We do not move from life to life, but from death unto life.

**The wise had enough diligence and dedication to make it through. The others merely professed it, but refused to enter in. Their theology claimed that dedication and diligence were works, a form of human effort. They claimed they were under faith and grace, but they did not realize the true definitions of faith and grace. They redefined them, and embraced as true their own definitions. Thus their commitment to Christ was a mere decision, a mental acceptance to the claims of Christ. Scripture proves that authentic salvation has to do with the type of commitment made to find 'the truth'. Scripture proves that 'the truth' is well hidden by God, done so for a very important reason: it eliminates those who are false seekers.**

Why do we need a more abundant supply of oil? Why is not the oil granted at the beginning enough to get us through? Could it be that the original journey to find Christ takes much more time than we think? Could it be that a simple decision for Christ as now taught by modern christianity, only places us on the broad way? That at that point we

are in the body of Christ but Christ is not **in us**? That while we profess Christ, we do not possess Christ? That we have not laid hold of agape love? Could it be **that conversion and regeneration are a strait gate and narrow way apart?**

**"while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.. And at midnight, there was a cry made, behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to Meet him." (MAT 25:5-6)**

All of the virgins slumbered and slept. Do all Christians enter in via the wide gate of conversion into the sheepfold and travel the broad way in spiritual slumber? Christ tarried, he did not come as expected. There was a delay. Does the midnight cry represent the Holy Spirit attempting to convict the soul of it's lost state? That all Christians first come into the sheepfold 'some other way' but that a few find the door? Is there a gap between conversion to Jesus Christ the messiah to knowing who Jesus Christ really is, at regeneration? Is it possible that the hidden meaning here is the difference between who will and who will not walk the narrow way to meet the bridegroom? There are warnings not to quench the Holy Spirit, it can be put out altogether!

**"then all the virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." (MAT 25:7-8)**

All the virgins are called. Only a few are chosen. What is the difference? What makes one worthy of eternal life and the other unworthy? Notice that the five foolish virgins had quenched the spirit. Their lamps have literally gone out! There is no more light, there is no more oil. **They had in fact blasphemed the Holy Spirit, resisted the Holy Spirit, called the waves of conviction by the Holy Spirit Satanic attacks and rebuked it! They awake only long enough to find out they are eternally lost, without hope.**

The spirit had called them, but they were too busy in this life. They had a business to run, they had sports to attend to, they had idols to worship, and they allowed the precious gift of the Holy Spirit to wax and wane until it was gone. They quenched the spirit to damnation, it was gone. The wise on the other hand, heeded the call of the spirit to go further, to go beyond mere profession. They diligently sought out 'the truth'. They continued in his doctrine, even though spiritually asleep, for they were not at that point regenerated. In the last hour when the cry was made, **they were not far from home.** They had been obedient, and their lamps **were still lit with the Holy Spirit.** They trimmed their lamps, and made them bright again. The trimming of the lamps is a method of removal of soot, of impurities that impede the light and flow of oil. They came forth with the required dedication and diligence to find the key to salvation, the truth of agape love. With their lamps burning brightly they sought the LORD with all of their strength,

The foolish virgins realize they have made a serious mistake in their theology, but because of their refusals to heed the call of the Holy Spirit, they are unable to continue, for their lamps have gone out. The oil supply has run out, and there is no more oil (PRO 1:22-31). They did not heed the counsel of the LORD. They seek the LORD but it is too late, there is not enough time. God mocks them. He flatly says in PRO that **they will seek but they will not find him.** It is too late. They quenched the gift of the spirit and they are eternally lost. No matter what they attempt, no matter how frantic they become, it will avail them nothing. They have passed the point of no return. They face eternal ruin. They never underwent biblical repentance, they underwent a worldly repentance, if any at all.

In total anguish of soul they turn to their brothers and sisters in the LORD and ask them for their oil. After all, are not Christians to share? Their answer is beautiful to the apostate Christian who seeks only to live off the efforts of others. To the man who will not work, he and his family will starve. No Christian is under any obligation to support or come to the aid of a brother in Christ who will not work. The bible says let him starve to death. The reason for the harshness is that sooner or later the pangs of hunger will drive him to work. Indeed Christ is austere. The love of the LORD is indeed a 'tough' love. This has a spiritual application as well.

**"but the wise answered, saying, not so, lest there be not enough oil for us and you; But go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves." (MAT 25:9)**

What a beautiful and holy response to all arrogant and presumptuous Christians, who freeload off their brethren in the name of Jesus (who demand to be fed, clothed and housed in the style they demand at the expense of others). Their fate is a nightmare from which they will never escape. They end up destitute, naked and alone, shut out forever from the gates of heaven. The professors of Christ are rejected into outer darkness. You cannot sell commitment to a cause. You cannot sell diligence of purpose. You cannot sell dedication to Christ. If you do not have it, you must ask God to give it to you! Ask now while there is yet time.

**"and while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage;and the door was shut." (MAT 25:10)**

The foolish virgins are shut out forever. They never see heaven at all. They see only the judgment of Christ, who sends them away. Those that were ready went into the marriage. The wise were ready. What made them ready? It will be shown that what made them ready was the **laying hold of agape love, of laying hold of Christ!** The doors of heaven are shut to all other souls. The word 'ready' is "hetoimos" and it means **to be prepared, to have prepared, to have been made ready.** If this is true, then there is a preparation to be made. What is it? There is only one listed in scripture: **entering the strait gate and walking the narrow way, which leads unto life, which is agape love.** It is the walking of the narrow way that makes us ready. If we do this while we are yet alive, Christ, who is the bridegroom, will come and grant us the gift of love. If we are negligent to the call, and do not prepare, then in our final hours, when death is near, we become frantic and search for the answer. God says he will mock us, for we refused prior to this time. The bridegroom cometh, but only those prepared will go into the marriage. The others go into eternal ruin, they are shut out.

Notice they went through a door, and that door was shut to the foolish. What door? **The living Christ is the door** (JOH 10:9). Christ is the only mediator of the new covenant. You either enter in via the door, or you do not enter in, and the door is shut to you. Remember that Christ said there were two ways into the sheepfold, but only the door leads you

into heaven. The 'some other way' leads you into eternal ruin. If you enter into the sheepfold by 'some other way' you will not enter heaven. To enter heaven you must enter in by the living Christ. The many came to the historical Christ, who hung upon the cross. They accept the historical Christ as their messiah. They do not, however, come into contact with the living Christ, who is not on the cross, but alive and well in heaven. They refuse him, because they refuse the narrow way. It is the strait gate and narrow way that leads to the living Christ. We will explore the differences in another chapter. The difference is essential to salvation.

**"afterward came also the other virgins, saying, LORD, LORD, open to us. But he answered, and said, verily, I say unto you, I know you not." (MAT 25:11-12)**

Here we find the identical answer that Christ gave to the 'many'. **I never knew you is the same as I know you not.** We have proof positive that Christ never came into union with the five foolish virgins. He never made contact with them, yet they were all believers, all followers, all disciples, all in the body of Christ. What is the difference between a virgin and a married woman? The married woman has undergone consummation of the marriage act or sexual intercourse. Paul said that the mystery of Christ was like that of the union between a man and a wife (ephesian 5:24-32; and REV 19:7-9). He likened the spiritual union between Christ and the believer as identical to sexual union where the 'two become one flesh'. It is vital to understand why, so the full impact of this parable becomes clear in the sense of regeneration.

When Christ comes in **literal** and actual **union** with the true believer, he actually **penetrates the literal body of the believer.** "I will come in to him" ( JOH 14:23; JOH 17:3; 21; 23; 26; REV 3:20), into the physical body, into the very depths of the heart of hearts. That is the act of **marriage consummation.** If you think it not so, I suggest you read on, for a large portion of scripture is devoted to this consummation act that brings union with Jesus Christ.

John says that Christ leaves **his seed** in the believer ( 1 JOH 3:9). A husband leaves his seed in his wife. It is the combination of his seed and her seed that form a new child. The two become one. In the act of regeneration, Christ comes into the heart (REV 3:20). He comes and speaks to the believer and they 'sup' together. Christ and the believer enter into **union, and the two become one.** The seed of Christ is **agape love,** and that seed merges with the believers spirit and **behold, a new creature is made.** The wise virgins went on to meet the bridegroom, and they consummated their betrothal by being regenerated, which made them 'brides'.

As sexual love is supposed to represent the ultimate in intimacy between a man and woman, so to is regeneration the ultimate intimacy between Christ and the believer. In both cases love is involved. In oriental weddings the marriage was consummated on the first day of the wedding feast/supper, which was to last for seven days. When Christ comes to the believer the believer and Christ enter into **true union,** and the **first day** of the marriage supper takes place. Christ has many brides, and thus each undergo a first day wedding supper at regeneration. These are they that are ready, and go into the marriage. That is exactly what Christ says in REV 3:20. He comes in to 'sup' with the believer. The word 'sup' means **dinner feast or supper.**

Every believer is called to the wedding supper of REV 3:20. As Christ claims he stands at the end of the narrow way, then obviously one must travel it in order to reach the point where Christ is. That requires time, and time requires patience. Both require oil from the Holy Spirit. When the obedient believer meets Christ, then phase one of the marriage supper takes place.

In the oriental wedding, the bridegroom comes to the bride, and picks her up and carries her away to his father's home for great festivities. When Christ comes to the believer in the act of regeneration, it is something he does to the believer. Likewise, then, when a husband has intercourse with his wife, it is something he does to her. The regenerated soul, now a bride, causes great joy and a celebration in heaven. Does not Christ say that at the biblical repentance of one sinner, and the finding of one lost sheep there is great joy? And does not the regenerated believer now take a place in the throne of Christ? Are we not to sit with Christ in the heavenly places? There is a spiritual application here for the story of literal and actual regeneration.

When a true believer walks the narrow way, they come to the point of what I call soul death, for lack of a better term. The point is they die, and that death is experiential, albeit totally supernatural. The foolish virgin, the foolish Christian will likewise come to a point of dying. The difference is that the door to heaven is shut, because Christ can only save those that die a supernatural soul death while they are yet alive. If you die in the physical sense while here on earth without regeneration, **the door is shut,** because you can only avail yourself of it while you have physical life. The unwise virgins did not avail themselves of the agape love of Christ, therefore they are shut out.

True believers are actually married to Christ, and are at that time called **the bride.** The use of the term bride is in fact applied only to a woman on her wedding day or just after the wedding. Before that she is called a **bride to be,** or more to the point, a **fiancee** in our times. **She becomes a bride only on her wedding day and wedding night.** Christ is returning for **his bride.** In point of fact Christ is married to them, and they are his bride, witnessed by the **act of consummation at regeneration.** Only the bride of Christ will enter heaven, where they will go through all of the festivities of a formal wedding ceremony that is then both physical and spiritual, for the spiritual aspect was already accomplished, which allows them to go into the final festivities!

**"let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the lamb is come, And his wife hath made herself ready." (REV 19:7)**

Notice it says his wife has made herself ready. This is not a play on words, for the consummation took place at regeneration. Just as the bride of adam came from only the rib of adam (a very small part of his body, and very close to his heart), so too the bride of Christ is **only a small part of his body, and very close to his heart of agape love, for they also have a new heart of agape love.** To make this more understandable view it in this manner: we could say that conversion is espousal or engagement, and they are fiancees. **At regeneration the fiancee becomes a bride** and enters



**2. Stony places - no earth, no root:** No depth of mind, no depth of heart. The bible often refers to such people as simple, or fools. There is apparently no real commitment or ability to search the word of God out for the real truth, to introspect, to question, to compare. They simply refuse to make the commitment Christ demands of them. When the sun comes up (fire) it scorches them, and they wither away. The sun is fire, and the fire represents the their faith tried by fire. Their faith does not stand; they cannot take the heat.

**3. The thorns - the cares of this world:** The thorns represent the cares and pleasure of this life here on earth. Satan conquers by deception, and the heart of deception is diversion. Satan diverts people from the strait gate and narrow way by the cares and pleasures of life. The Christian is diverted by the many forms of Christian entertainment, etc. These people cannot leave the world to find Christ. They want both Christ and the world. You cannot serve both God and mammon. A choice must be made. These believers cannot make the choice, so they are choked off.

**4. The good ground -the fruit of rebirth:** Good ground has depth of soil, for roots to grow and get nutrients. Water remains at great depth, allowing the plants to flourish even in draught. As the root goes down in search of truth, it becomes established. These plants go on to produce fruits, for they abide in the water of truth, and they obtain the fruit of life

**Jesus interprets the parable:** *"now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God." (LUK 8:11)*

We must believe Jesus and reject the false prophets, no matter how many divinity degrees they claim to hold. Jesus claims the seed is **only the word of God.**

**1. The wayside - a failure to heed:** *"those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts; lest they should believe and be saved." (LUK 8:12).*

These people are believers, and they hear the word. The problem is they do not understand it, or take it to heart. They tend to forget it right after hearing it, or they simply can not make head nor tail out of what scripture says. They respond to the word, but they do not retain the word. Our churches are full of such people. They are nice, very sincere folks, but their understanding of the word is almost nil. They know and recognize Jesus as messiah, but it stops right there. Jesus is blunt: **they are not saved.**

**2. The stony ground -the cold heart:** *"but he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with great joy receiveth it; yet he hath not root in himself, but endureth for awhile; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth by and by he is offended." (MAT 13:20-21) (compare also LUK 8:13 for differences)*

Here we have believers and followers of Jesus who hear the word and with great joy they receive it. The word for 'anon' is "euthus", and it means **at once, instantly, immediately or forthwith.** In other words, as soon as they hear the word they make an instant decision for Christ and they lay hold of all of the positive promises of the gospel. **You only respond with joy at positive news.** The only way you can lay hold of the word instantly is by an **instant act of faith. You make a decision in your mind.** These people have immediate faith and belief in the gospel, they claim all of the positive aspects of redemption and salvation with great joy. They claim them as theirs, thus they believe and affirm they are **the sons of God by an immediate decision for Christ.**

The word 'joy' is "chara" and it means **with great joy, delight, great gladness, with exceeding joy and happiness.** Their response is an emotional response to the gospel call, and they **claim instant salvation on the basis of the word of God.** They take certain promises of scripture and embrace them and appropriate them for themselves. They read words like 'faith' and 'belief' and redefine what those words mean, and convert them over to a decision, and **instant moment** of faith. They embrace as true all the positive aspects of scripture.

These believers grasp all the essential points of salvation and claim them as their own. They accept all the promises of the bible by an instant faith and belief system that gives them great joy. Everything is positive, everything is instant, and nothing is allowed that is negative. All negative thought, all negative belief, all doubts are branded as Satanic attacks. They must have recognized from their mind their **need** for a savior, because otherwise they would not have embraced the gospel. The implication here is severe indeed: **their repentance is also instant and only skin deep. It is an emotional repentance, of the soul man, of the flesh.** It is mental and not of the **inner** heart. These people go forward with deep emotion, and cry tears of joy at their 'decision for Christ' in the which they are told that **Christ is in them and union has occurred.** They embrace their so called 'salvation' and 'born again' experience as being valid and true. **What else could bring such immediate joy?**

Jesus, however, **condemns them.** This is why: you embrace with great joy only positive news. Bad news or harsh news does not bring joy, but sorrow. Does Jesus have a negative aspect to his salvation message? Is there a very negative aspect to the gospel? Is there something within the message of Christ that these people are refusing to hear, **such as enter ye in at the strait gate, or walk the narrow way?** Is that why Christ accuses them of having no root? Do the negative aspects of the strait gate and narrow way actually give the Christian his roots? Is entering the gate and walking the way that which makes us established? Is it this root that actually brings the fruit of union with Christ? What if we ignore or deny the negative aspects of the gospel? What if we remove them by false theology? Does it bring eternal ruin? Jesus affirms that looking only at the positive aspects of the salvation message will damn you in the end, for you have no root, no established inner heart! You cannot stand the heat of the fiery trial of faith! If Christ claims the positive does not give us roots, then it can only be the negative that gives us the roots we need. Thus:

**Immediate acceptance = no root**

**All positive, all joy = no root.**

We can and must by these comments of Christ eliminate the positive affirmations of scripture **for establishing the root of the real Christian.** There are only two aspects to the commands of Christ, positive and negative. As Christ

removes the positive for root building, then the negative must be what brings the real believer into union. We have no options whatever. Therefore:

**Patience and diligence vs. Immediate/instant  
Long term trial vs. Instant decision  
Negative brings root vs. Positive no root  
Therefore;**

**Serious patience/earnest diligence Vs. Immediate and instant joy**

Jesus claims they accept all the positive by instant faith and instant belief. There is no other way to accept anything in your mind. . You either accept it by faith and believe it true, or you reject it. These people embrace the gospel promises immediately for themselves, and proclaim themselves saved and heaven bound by an act of their own mind! It brings immediate joy and relief. It is all positive. The words 'faith' and 'belief' are twisted to the very reverse of what they actually mean.

**"yet he hath not root in himself, but endureth for awhile; for when tribulation or persecution riseth, Because of the word, by and by he is offended." (MAT 13:21)**

Notice they have no root. The word 'root' is "rhiza" and it means **stability, established, trustworthy**. In psalm 145:18 it says: **"the LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."**

The word 'truth' is "emeth" and it means **established, stability, trustworthy**. The root of the word is "aman" and it means **to build up, to establish, firm, steadfast, permanent, of long continence, sure**. It means to continue, to abide in, to remain in, to be steadfast in the search for 'the truth'. The very word truth does not imply something instant or immediate, which is why Christ condemns these people with the stony heart. It is not true that 'all who call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved.'. We can prove it because we see many Christians sent away into eternal ruin, and all of them called upon the name of the LORD. **There is a huge conditional qualifier to what calling on the name of the LORD means: you must call in truth**. Inasmuch as Jesus said the only entrance to heaven was via the strait gate and narrow way, then obviously the qualifier **in truth means only those that enter in via the strait gate!**

If you refuse, you have not called upon the name of the LORD in truth. You have called, but not in the way Jesus demands. These folks design a theology that allows them an immediate entrance into heaven's gates, but is this theology a correct one? Christ says they fall away. Obedience to Christ means doing all commands of Christ, negative and positive. These people become offended by the word of God when tribulation comes. This tribulation is not outward but inward, a tribulation of the soul. **It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment, hardly a positive move by God**. It should be said that to be reproved 'in truth' is not pleasant at all, but very nasty and very negative. **The reproof of God is so negative that Jesus said very few would actually undergo it!** They fall away as soon as the process begins. They claim Satan is attacking them, and all negatives are thrown out as Satanic attacks! They reject the Holy Spirit and say it is a devil!

**1. When real honest conviction of the Holy Spirit comes upon them, and the real process of judgment begins, they refuse it. They believe they are already saved, they already have union, they already have agape love, so therefore any doubts, any convictions must be from Satan. They have found life at the very beginning of their journey, and they work hard to perfect that love and life they claim they have. Their theology tells them they are already saved, and their decision for Christ was all there was to it. Their entire theology is based upon the fact that they are already saved and going to heaven, therefore any negative feelings, doubts or convictions are instantly branded Satanic. The Holy Spirit is thus rejected, and they go into eternal ruin all because of a the theology of the false prophets! They were never saved at all. They never had life at all.**

**2. Any doubts whatever as to their true standing before Christ are branded Satanic in origin. They are told by their false teachers that doubt is the opposite of faith, and. Doubt is classified as unbelief by their theology. Unbelief is a sin against God. The Holy Spirit's attempts to bring them into true judgment and his rebuke is ignored. By the millions they go into eternal ruin. These poor souls are so deceived by their theology that they believe they being obedient to God while the whole time they are in rank disobedience.**

**3. The next thing Jesus is telling us here is that their instant faith and belief system is so surface that it opens them up to a wide range of Satanic deception. Their theology is in such grave error they are now going to entrap themselves deeper and deeper into disobedience. They are going to lay hold of all positive promises of the scripture. They are going to lay hold of the 'inheritance'. They will claim 'gifts of the spirit', and victory over sin. They claim the 'promised land'. They are the bastard sons who refuse the reproof of the LORD.**

**Who enter the sheepfold 'some other way'.**

They worship Jesus Christ, but their hearts are stone cold, far removed from being touched by the conviction and reproof of God. They will not come to the light of agape love. They will not have their deeds reproved by the light of agape love. They die in their trespasses and sins. **Is it possible that the positive aspects of scripture only come into effect after one has undergone the negative? That spiritual attainment is no different from attainment of the good things in this life? That anything worth having is not easily attained?**

What would happen if you went to a major university for the medical profession and told the board that you wanted your degree right now? That you did not want to go through any of that negative stuff, like study, burning the midnight oil, internship and the hard work that a degree entails? Would they give a degree or throw you out on your ear? Does not the negative trial of your faith come prior to the gift of the degree? **Is it possible that the award or sheepskin of agape love and true union with Christ must be preceded by the negative commands of the bible? Your answer determines your eternal destiny.**

Do we get wisdom at the snap of the fingers? Could it be that true wisdom only comes by a severe testing of our faith? That unless we submit to the commands of Christ, God will not allow us to graduate? That instead of a degree in eternal life, we end up a failure forever in eternal ruin? What makes you think that when we are dealing with God we can demand instant access to heaven? **The bible proves that true faith, true belief are not instant at all, and that this concept of instant faith and instant belief is a fabrication of the false prophets that Christ warned us about.** Do you think God might consider you an arrogant fool whose only fate short of full repentance is eternal fire? Do you think God might consider you **one of the many?** The instant faith, immediate joy movement is a **positive affirmation of the utter arrogance and spiritual destitution of man. It upholds Christ on one hand, and utterly denies him on the other, and is a precise fulfillment of the prophecy of peter and Christ.** Our very salvation depends upon how we answer those questions. They can only be answered by the harsh words of scripture. In any event, we can prove these people have no root whatever, and they fall away into eternal ruin. They are swept away by their instant theology.

### 3. The thorns -double minded

**"he also that received seed among the thorns is he that hearth the word; and the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. (MAT 13:22)**

**"and that which feel among the thorns are they which when they have heard, go forth, and are choked With the cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection." (LUK 8:14)**

These people hear the word, and begin to grow in the word. But the cares of this life, and the concerns of this life choke out the word, so that it dies and never comes to the fruit of perfection, which is agape love bestowment. Of course, beyond is much more fruit, and more pruning, but original fruit is the fruit of regeneration. They are in effect double minded. They want Christ and heaven, but they are not willing to pay the price to obtain it. **Although salvation is a free gift, Jesus said it would cost you everything to obtain it.**

Satan moves in on these people and diverts their attention to the routines of life, and they do not continue, they do not abide in his doctrines. No fruit is brought to perfection, and our perfecting is in Christ. **They never meet Christ; there is no actual union with Christ.** Their religion is in vain, of non - effect. These folks are Christians, but they are double-minded Christians. They have one foot in the world, another in Christ. They will not leave the world long enough to find the living Christ, nor will they abide in the doctrines of Christ long enough to come to regeneration. They are lost and go into eternal ruin.

This was the primary reason for the church of laodocea going into eternal ruin. They had become worldly, diverting their attention to obtaining authentic salvation. This church is the last days church, a church full of false theology and false prophets, of instant salvation, instant union. They are a joyful church, and they are deceived by turning to the diversions the world has to offer. The early church warned Christians not to get involved in the affairs of this world, for they knew that the fight to extricate oneself from it was all that a soul could do! The true church has never been a comfort to the world, not could it be, for their message condemns the world! They are one of the primary obstacles that one must overcome to inherit eternal life:

**"love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the (agape) love of the father is not in him." (1 JOH 2:15)**

**For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (MAR 8:36)**

### 4. The good ground -salvation

*But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, Having heard the word keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." (LUK 8:15)*

Those on the good ground keep the word. The word 'keep' is "katecho", and it means **to hold fast, intensity of purpose.** Christ also says that the fruit is produced only by patience. The word 'patience' is "hupomone" and it means **endurance, consistency, continuing, to remain in, to undergo, to bear trials, to have fortitude, to suffer, to hold up in long patience.** It carries with it the identical meaning to become established, to seek the LORD in truth.

Those that are diligent will be those who find the LORD. Those that are not will go into ruin. Only those with this patience bear the fruit of regeneration, the fruit of agape love. The fruit does not come until after the enduring. The fruit does not come until after one has shown he/she is steadfast. We then have a valid contrast we must make:

**Anon with joy vs. Keep & patience**

**"but he that received the seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it, which also beareth fruit. (MAT 13:23)**

Here a little and there a little. Notice the word 'received', which in the greek is "paradechomai" and it means to **accept, to admit to, to approve of, to take to heart, to admit the truth of.** Is this not what the confession of our real sin is? That we are to **agree with God and his reproof of us, which can only be done via the narrow way:**

**Before we are saved?**

The word 'understand' is "sunieimi" and it means **to put together, to understand, to comprehend.** In other words, the people of the good ground read the word, meditate upon the word, put it together and begin to understand what Christ demands. Over the course of time, they become established, and the Holy Spirit begins to do his work of conviction of the real problem of the human heart, the utter lack of agape love. If they allow this to continue, they will find the truth,

**The Mystery Of God.**

Only the fourth group on the good ground have the diligence and patience required, and Jesus says they go on to bear the fruit of regeneration, and then only with great difficulty:

***"and if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 peter 4:18)***

The word 'scarcely' is "molis" and it means **with much work, with great difficulty, hardly able**. This sounds very much like psalm 145:18 and the word **truth**. It sounds very much like the strait gate and narrow way of Jesus Christ. Is this why Christ ordered us to **strive to enter the strait gate?** This sounds like a **negative gospel** that brings **over time** a very positive event - **regeneration**, and scripture proves it to be true. It sounds very much like the direct opposite of the instant and joy salvation crowd that Christ condemns. Please note that they all had faith, they all had belief, and they all responded to the gospel call. Only the good ground people respond in the proper manner, and only the good ground ones are saved in the end.

The parable of the sower shows us the **obstacles of the strait gate**, and the **narrow way**. The obstacles of Satan and his demons, of false instant salvation, and the cares and pleasures of this world must be overcome in order to find the real truth behind life, which is Jesus Christ and his **agape love essence**. This parable confirms the concept of a 'way' which means a pathway, highway or journey that one must pass through. It confirms the word 'strait', which means narrow from obstacles in the way. It confirms the word 'narrow' which means full of agony and anguish, full of trouble and pain of the inward soul as the spirit works to **show the destitution of the inner heart**.

This parable begins to show us what Jesus meant when he said believe and have faith. The faith **of** Jesus was a long term steadfastness, far removed from the instant faith gospel of modern christianity. Christ follows this parable with another to prove that he meant what he said. He sharply divides up believers into two main camps: the wheat and the tares. We will find that the wheat represents the real, authentic born again believer, and the tares are bastard sons, who claim a regeneration they do not possess. They neither know the son or God the father. Their father is Satan, and Satan sows them among the true church to deceive the unwary seeker after Christ. The tares are the false church, the false teachers and false prophets, the ones that peter and Christ warned would come, and they would uphold Christ and appear as Christians, but they would not be Christians. They would be impostors, liars, deceivers.

**"and another parable put he forth unto them, saying, the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a a man which sowed good seed in his field:" (MAT 13:24)**

We know from the previous parable that the seed is the word of God, and in this case the seed represents those of the good ground, the souls of those to be saved with patience. The field is the world. This is another parable about response to the word. Only a certain portion of the world will respond at all to the word. Of those that do respond, only a small portion (the few, the wheat), respond correctly. Christ is now going to outline what he meant by his statement about the false prophets who will mislead millions of Christians and sweep them into eternal ruin.

The false prophets are not sheep, they only dress like sheep. They are 'look alikes', Satanic plants who are dupes, but who nevertheless come in with false doctrines designed to mislead the seekers of heaven and keep them away from true regeneration. False Christians are referred to as **tares**, the real true born again or soon to be born again believers are the **wheat**. In relationship to the parable of the sower, those of the wayside, stony ground and thorns are tares, for they never do leave Satan's dominion. They are all in the body of Christ, they are all considered by Christ as part of him. The wheat are of the good ground.

**"but while men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way."(MAT 13:25)**

Notice that Satan sows the tares **among the wheat**, or that is **within the real church**. As the true church is the wheat, then Christ is telling us that the look alike tares are dropped **right in the midst of the church**. Tares look just like wheat. Only close examination will reveal the difference. The tares are the 'many' and the wheat are the few. The tares are on the broad road of false Christian theology and doctrine, while the few have entered in at the strait gate, combined together, the wheat and tares form the **body of Christ on earth**.

Satan and his angels of light come in with their false doctrines, but because these doctrines are very close to true doctrine the unwary **never see the difference**. So we have a host of people that look like Christians, act like Christians, and who present what seems to be pure Christian doctrine. They have huge churches and large followings according to peter and Paul.

Satan is their real father, but they claim that God is their father. Satan still has dominion over them, and they will never escape that dominion. They are the 'many' on the broad road, and Satan has dominion over the broad road because these people never do come into union with Christ. In other words, although they are in the body of Christ, they never come to union, and because they never come to union, they cannot enter heaven, and are swept away. **The tares are the Bastard Sons Who Claim The Kingdom Unlawfully.**

Broad road people are in reality the enemy of Christ, because they refuse to do his commands. Not only do they refuse, they prevent others from coming in as well, by their broad road doctrines and rituals. Satan is the enemy of Christ, and these people, even though in the body of Christ (among the wheat) they are placed there by Satan for the sole purpose of deceiving others into eternal ruin. Satan knows that mankind has a herd instinct, and follow after their leaders, and never check things out for themselves.

**"but when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, nay; lest while you gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvesti will say to the reapers, gather ye up together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."(MAT 13:26-30)**

Christ is saying that he will wait until the time of the harvest, and at that time he will judge those who call themselves '**in Christ**'. This tells us when the 'many' will be judged, and it is the tares who are **judged first**, and bound up and taken to the fires of the place of torments. They are the branches that are burned in JOH 15:2. Will all believers,

both good and evil be resurrected at the same time, and the evil ones separated immediately and cast away? In spite of modern prophetic interpretation, **yes**.

Many attempt to claim that the tares are unbelievers, or the whole world. That could not be the case because tares look like wheat. These are imitations of the real thing. The church is in the whole world. The body of Christ is around the world. Within that body (among the body of Christians) are both wheat and tares. There are a multitude of rapture/resurrection concepts on the shelves of modern Christian theology, but scripture says there is only one correct one. Unbelievers are not in view here at all, only those who profess Jesus Christ as their LORD. The earth is filled with unbelievers who will undergo their own judgment **after** Christ has removed the body of Christ from earth. Yet here it says clearly the **tares are judged first**.

Scripture will prove out that immediately after the resurrection/rapture of the entire church, an immediate judgment is made concerning the true and false church. Those that are false never enter heaven at all. **This is phase one of the judgment seat of Christ**. This is where the many are sent away into eternal ruin. This is where Christ says to them **'I never knew you.'** the door of heaven is shut to them. The basis of entrance was **regeneration**, and they never obtained it. They were never born again, and thus are discarded and sent to the fires for burning. It is going to be a very sad day for the **vast majority of Christians**. Just as Jesus classified believers as obedient and disobedient, at the judgment they are called wheat or tares. Remember that judgment begins at the house of the LORD. There is the preliminary judgment of the narrow way, which separates the true from the false. Both the wheat and the tares claimed to be in the house of the LORD. Thus the initial judgment is a judgment as to **who laid hold of agape love and who did not. Must begin here**. Where else would Christ send them away? The many are all Christians, they are **in the body of Christ**, and they will **all be resurrected along with the bride**. The 'many' are the very first ones to undergo **severe judgment**, and they are sent away to the fires of hades to await the great white throne judgment, which is yet a thousand years away. This would be phase one of the judgment of God's people.

After this initial separation of the wheat and tares, and wheat is taken into the barn, and there the remainder of Christians enter the bema seat judgment of Christ for their rewards, and enjoy the marriage supper, for they are the bride of Christ phase two would then be for rewards **only**, because the **remainder had agape love bestowment**, they had in truth been born again, and they in truth had **union** with the son. After this initial separation judgment is over, the judgment of the earth will begin, which is a judgment of all Christ rejecters, the unbelievers, the heathen. Notice also that the wheat and tares grow together through out the church age. Christ does not come and stop the process, for avoiding deception is part of the screening out process. Christ is in the process of weeding out the real diligent seekers from the nominal seeker. That is why he said we must strive to enter in at the strait gate. That is why Jesus warned us to **beware of false prophets**, who would bring in 'look alike' doctrines and theology that would be 99% accurate, but would still lead you into eternal ruin.

It is only the 'very elect' that will know the difference, and **then only with careful diligence**. The bride is made up only of those who have come to agape love bestowment and those who will obtain it. These are written in the lamb's book of life. All others are not written there, and they will not ever see heaven, for they are judged prior to getting there. The false church, who were considered in the body of Christ never did come to agape love bestowment, and thus are sent away.

#### **Christ gives his interpretation**

**"He answered and said unto them, he that soweth the good seed is the son of man: the field is the world, the good seed are the Children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;". (MAT 13:37-38)**

Now we have confirmation of our answer. Christ spreads the word to the four corners of the globe, or the world. That is the field. There is a response to the word of God (the seed). Those who respond form the body of Christ. Within the body of Christ are two types of people: the true seekers and the false seekers. The tares are the false look alikes, whose father is Satan, but **who are 'religious ones'**. **They have the religion of Cain**. The wheat, however, keep the 'sayings of Jesus" and do them (obedience) and the tares do not keep his sayings, and do not do them (disobedience). The true seed is called wheat, because the word of God will not return unto God void, but will accomplish the purpose that God has in mind.

The tares, on the other hand, respond to the word, but they are they on the wayside, stony ground or thorns, and never keep the sayings of Jesus and never obey his commands to enter in via the strait gate. They claim to be Christians: they look, act and sound like Christians; but they are not. **It is the false church, the synagogue of Satan**. They are among the real regenerated Christians.

**"the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity." (MAT 13:39-41)**

Notice that Christ says **'out of his kingdom'**. Now the kingdom of Christ is the kingdom of heaven. His return to earth to reclaim it has not yet occurred. We know the judgment begins at the house of the LORD. At the resurrection/rapture of all of his believers/followers and disciples, Christ will first separate out all those that offend and them that do iniquity. Is that not what Christ said to the many? Did he not say that their works were iniquity? This is the separation process in the house of the LORD. The many are severed out of the body of Christ immediately. This is where Christ vomits them out of his mouth. They are cancer, they are poison, and they caused millions of Christians throughout the entire church age to go astray. Thus Christ gathers them up first, casts them out, and the remaining Christians go into heaven with Christ for their rewards.

Those that do 'iniquity' are those **that did all of their works without agape love**, which fulfills the law of God. They did not understand that they had to walk the narrow way to obtain agape love. They merely claimed it by an act of faith, and then went about 'doing good'. The problem is that **you do not obtain agape love by an act of faith or belief**. It is simply not done that way. It has nothing to do with faith or belief. Because they did not realize that, all of their works were done in natural phileo love, which Christ branded as 'evil' and thus, they were workers of iniquity.

By laying hold of agape love, the authentic born again Christian works under the cloak and covering of Christ, because agape love **is the basis of all righteousness, including God**. He has entered into the rest of God, and is covered by the love of God. The tares did not understand that the commands of Christ to enter at the strait gate and to walk the narrow way **were the only way to find agape love**. They built a theology that told them they **had agape love** when in fact they did not. Thus their works were never done under the covering of Christ, and their works are works of iniquity. All of this is confirmed by JOH 15: *"I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman > every branch in me that beareth Not fruit, he taketh away...." (JOH 15:1) "if a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and it withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (JOH 15:6)*

These branches **are all in Christ**. "every branch **in me**". All branches are in the **body of Christ**. The branches represent every believer, follower and disciple of Jesus Christ, be they wheat or tares, real or phony, professors or possessors of agape love of Christ. Jesus then says that those branches (individual Christians) who do not bear fruit, are taken away. The fruit Jesus is speaking of here is **agape love bestowment or regeneration**. Those who do not bear this fruit are burned in the fires. That was the whole object of his prayer, that all believers, all followers would **come into union with him**. The union is the **'first fruit'**, and from there, the believer will be purged to **bear more fruit**. Those of the wayside, the stony ground and the thorns **never bear fruit to perfection**. They never come to the **perfection of Christ**, which is **agape love bestowment**, for **agape love is the perfection of Christ**. This was the one thing missing from the 'many' (I never knew you), it was missing from those who had gifts of the spirit but not charity (agape love) and it was missing from the non-overcomers and all others in the parables. **The division line is the obtaining of agape love.**

The tares never leave the dominion of Satan in spite of their professions of knowing Christ. They are under the deception of Satan and God allows it to be so because they were disobedient to his son, and they did not keep his sayings, nor did they do the will of the father. They did not study the word, they did not allow the word to show them truth. Thus God allows them to fall under a delusion. Their worship is in vain, it will profit them nothing. They draw near to Christ with their mouth and their head faith, but their hearts are far from Christ. Their entire life was vanity. They stand condemned by the very LORD they claimed they loved.

When you bring what we have together, we find a total harmony that is unmistakable. You could not misread what Christ is saying, and his 'saying' here is deadly to all Christians: **the vast majority are going to eternal ruin**. To prove totally that the dividing line is indeed agape love, Christ says: *"...and every branch that beareth fruit, he (God) purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. (JOH 15:2)*

If a person comes to **true union, true regeneration, true agape love bestowment**, then God is going to **purge that soul** to make it produce **more fruit for the kingdom**. In other words, once agape love fruit is produced, that soul is never cast into the fire to be burned, but is instead purged like gold and silver, so that all the impurities rise to the surface and can be scooped off. That process is after the bestowment of agape love, and is not part of the initial quest to find the mystery of God. Jesus said this is true of every branch that comes to the fruit of agape love.

Jesus said that a little leaven in the loaf (the body of Christ) leavens the whole loaf. Over time the leaven spreads and infects the entire loaf of bread. The leaven represents false doctrine, false theology which leads to apostasy away from the truth of scripture. This apostasy leads to the **redefinition** of key words used in scripture. Faith, grace, conversion, regeneration, works and legalism are all redefined so that the unwary do not find the truth. That faith would be redefined is all to apparent:

*"...nevertheless, when the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (LUK 18:8)*

The answer to this question of Christ's is no. True biblical faith will have been **redefined** by the false prophets, so that only the few will have true biblical faith, the others will have a false faith, which is not faith at all. Their belief will not be a heart belief, even though it will be claimed it is. They will redefine conversion, and call it regeneration and vice versa. Works will have been expanded in definition and grace will become utterly perverted by redefinition. The whole group are then swept away into eternal ruin. Peter said that the vast majority of Christians would be swept away with all of these perversions of doctrine and theology. The false teachers, preachers and evangelists would be very popular, embraced by the entire body of Christ in spite of the warnings of the few who knew the truth.

#### **A group of apostates, disciples that cannot cut the program**

There is yet another proof that the vast majority of Christians are swept away into eternal ruin. Paul tells us why the 'many' are swept away in the 'latter days' of the church. This warning is directed right at you and me, heed it well: *"preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; Reprove, rebuke, exhort With all long-suffering and doctrine." (2TI 4:2)*

This verse sets the stage for what Paul is about to say next. Who do you preach to? Believers, followers, disciples. Notice that it says, reprove, rebuke. That does not sound like 'positive confessions' or 'with joy'. The word 'long-suffering' is "makrothumeo" and it means **with long endurance, to forebear over a long period of time, fortitude and to have great patience**. Notice that the reproof and rebuke are to come from doctrine, I.e. From the bible itself.

If one has to constantly rebuked and reprovved from the bible, the implication is that the people have left the bible and are wandering into false doctrine, false theology. False theology is built from a mis-interpretation of scripture. It comes from a lack of research into the truth of God's word. **The implication is also that this false doctrine will be**

**positive in nature.** It will leave out all the negative aspects of the 'sayings of Jesus', but will instead focus only on the positive. Regardless, it is the scripture that does the reproving. If they will not accept it, they go into eternal ruin: *"for the time will come that they Will not endure sound doctrine; But After their own lusts shall they heap to themselves Teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears From the truth, And shall be Turned unto fables."* (2TI 4:3-4)

Here we have yet another key as to why the 'many' are rejected of Christ: they will not endure sound doctrine. The word 'endure' is "anechomai" and it means **not put up with, not able to stand, not able to hear or to accept, not able to tolerate**. In other words, they refuse the judgment of God, they cannot accept or tolerate what the bible says. Their minds become spiritually disqualified, spiritually reprobate. They will not, and can not stand to hear the **whole truth**. They will instead pick and choose what they will and will not accept. They pick that which is **pleasant and positive, and which satisfies their carnality**. All of the negative aspects of Christ's commands are rejected out of hand. They are the stony ground people, who embrace all of the positive aspects of scripture by an act of faith.

Their ears are turned **away from the truth**. They will not accept, nor can they endure anyone who tells them about the strait gate and narrow way that leads unto life. Their theology tells them they have life, truth, and agape love. They will reject in a violent and angry way anyone who brings the whole truth of the gospel. They will brand such a one a heretic, a false teacher, a liar, and brand him accursed because he brings another Christ, another gospel. Their Christ is pleasant and positive, he tolerates all forms of disobedience, for he is full of mercy and grace. **Their gospel rejects the strait gate and narrow way out of hand**, and brands it a form of **works or legalism**.

Their gospel is a positive instant gospel, with instant salvation and eternal security thrown in to boot as a bonus program to entice them. If you point out to them anything whatever about this narrow 'way', or mention anything whatever of a strait gate, they refute it, dispute it, and will not hear it. It is offensive to them, it is utterly false doctrine to them. It is a denial of their definitions of faith and grace. They cannot 'endure' the sound doctrine that saves them. They have turned away from the only method of true salvation, and have embraced a lie out of the pits of hell.

What is it they cannot tolerate? **Sound doctrine**. The word 'sound' is "hugiano" and it means **whole, total, uncorrupted doctrine**. In other words, all doctrine, not just the pleasant sounding positive doctrines, but also all the negative, hard and unpleasant. If they are Christians, they have laid hold of the positive aspects and affirmations of christianity. They claim by positive affirmation all the positive doctrine, but refuse and violently oppose any suggestion there is a negative application as well, and either brand it of Satan or of legalism and works. The negative aspect of the salvation message of Christ is the strait gate and narrow way. Both of those words mean difficult and full of anguish and trouble of the soul. These are utterly rejected, and not only rejected, they cannot stand that form of doctrine. Their theology refutes it, and because they are positive their theology is correct, they refuse truth and are swept into eternal ruin. Christ does not forewarn them because they are in rank disobedience to his commands. Their claims to being 'Christians' are empty, and they are destitute of real truth.

The narrow way is full of the real reproof of God. It is full of rebuke, scourging and chastening, and it is very unpleasant. Jesus says plainly that it is this **negative aspect of the salvation message that saves the soul**. This aspect is rejected with an arrogant and violent sweep of the hand, "not so", they exclaim, and then advance their false theology to prove it. The false teachers and prophets of Satan walk in their white uniform robes of Christ, have their image beamed across the world by television and radio proclaiming a gospel that damns anyone who embraces it. Unless there is repentance, they are lost forever. At the heart of it all: **pride and arrogance**, which God cannot tolerate, and will not allow. These people are in reality the stony ground people. Their hearts are far from the LORD.

Psalm 145:18 says we must call upon the name of LORD in truth. These people are refusing the **in truth** part of the call, which is the strait gate and narrow way. The 'in truth' is sound doctrine, and sound doctrine is all doctrine including the negative!

All of the negative aspects of the true walk to authentic salvation will be eliminated by a whole new theology which will sweep the entire church in the latter days. This new theology will be a quick and easy salvation, all done by an instant decision for Christ, the very concept of the stony ground people who embrace all the positive aspects of salvation immediately and instantly. It is the instant faith gospel in view here and it is the stony ground people. It is a phony 'head faith' gospel that does nothing to change the inner heart of hearts. It is a worldly gospel that allows those who embrace it to continue in their various lusts without any supernatural inward change of the heart to agape love. These folks are Christians and they have faith and belief in Jesus. Their faith and their belief are not biblical faith and belief, but a Satanic counterfeit that appears real. Their gospel message will appear to be 100% correct, but will have deadly error within it.

Paul says that they heap to themselves teachers. These teachers must be the false prophets Christ warned us about, who would transform the gospel truths into a lie, who would deny the strait gate and narrow way. They are very same false teachers of 2PE 2:1-3 who bring in damnable heresies that sweep the vast majority of Christians into eternal ruin. At the heart of all of it is a denial of the negative aspects of the salvation message brought by Christ. They are the tares, the wolves in sheep's clothing, Satan's angels of light. Next Paul says the vast majority of the church will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned unto fables. They will not hear the truth, but will brand the truth a lie. In place of truth, they embrace the lie, and **uphold it as truth**. It is a delusion allowed by God for disobedience. They willingly turn against true doctrine, they reject it and become the enemies of Christ. So now we begin to see a portrait emerge:

**Endure vs. Will not endure**  
**Listen vs. Will not listen**  
**Hear truth vs. Will not hear**  
**Have truth vs. Are turned to fables.**

## Obedient vs. Disobedient

### The few vs. The many

### The wheat vs. The tares

### Enter via door vs. Enter some other way

Because they will not receive the whole truth, they willfully embrace utterly false doctrine. The word 'truth' is "alethes" and it means **verity, that which is truth, not concealing anything, that which is truth and only truth, nothing withheld**. If something is withheld from the salvation message, and it is important to know, then it is no longer truth but a lie. Scripture proves that the vast majority within the church will embrace a lie, and will not be able to hear the truth. **They will turn upon the real truth in anger and in violence**. If you refuse the whole truth, and only embrace the positive aspects, then you are turned unto fables. The lie may be a good counterfeit of the truth, but it is still a counterfeit. If you embrace it, you are lost forever. The word 'fables' is "mthos" and it means **fiction, a tale, a false story, not true, false doctrine**. A false gospel message is brought in, and the vast majority of people embrace it. Because the vast majority of people embrace it, it is very popular doctrine. If it is very popular doctrine, then vast numbers of people within the church embrace it as truth. If they embrace it as truth, then they must also reject the real truth. It then becomes a generally accepted doctrine, and it sweeps throughout the body of Christ.

Therefore the false teachers here are the same false teachers that Peter warned would come. They would be so popular that millions of sincere Christians would follow them into the fires of hell. These teachers, according to Peter, would market Jesus Christ as a commodity, and they would literally merchandise Jesus Christ to the masses of followers and make a huge profit doing so. The fires of hell eagerly await them, the flames are thirsty for their souls. The people and their leaders are then turned unto a fable, a gospel that ends them up in utter ruin. These are apostates, posing as the leaders of Christendom, and the lay people follow after them. They strut around in their white robes upon luxurious stages with the television cameras rolling, and they make huge productions to satisfy the lusts of their followers. It is a gospel of carnal man, a gospel of hell posing as a gospel of heaven.

### Disciples and believers who fall away

There is more scripture concerning apostasy and falling away from the truth that pertains to believers and followers that were once faithful servants, who do not keep the course set before them: **"but there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning Who they were that believed not, And who should betray him. And he said, therefore said I unto you, That no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him Of my father. From that time Many of his disciples Went back, And walked no more with him. (JOH 6:64-66)**

Here are followers who **thought they believed, thought they had faith, thought that all was right with them**, but Jesus turns on them and says **they believed not**. They were not true believers. They were professors of faith and belief, but fell short. **They could not tolerate his sayings**, they could not accept his teachings. He added that no man could ever come to the living Christ except the father bring him in, or we could say, give him the power to come.

It is important to understand these people were walking with Jesus. They thought he was the truth, way, and life. They had followed him for some time. Again, Jesus says there is **more to this than meets the eye**. The father must grant the real power to come to Christ, or he cannot do so. Here we find a division between those who simply call upon the name of the LORD and those who call upon the name of the LORD **in truth!** Scripture will prove that they simply did not have the **commitment required, the diligence required, and the patience required to undertake the strait gate and narrow way**. They would not dig deep enough to come as demanded.

The remarks of John the Baptist also illustrate the concept of the radical differences between believers and the regenerated. We will draw upon what we know as we explore these remarks. John is faced with the Pharisees and the Sadducees, who have come for baptism. They are the religious leaders of their day. We have today in the Christian faith, New Testament Pharisees and Sadducees who have the identical same traits, who have within them the identical same violence and hatred towards the truth that those of Jesus's day had. They will not escape the fires of eternal ruin, unless they repent a full and complete biblical repentance.

**"and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham our father: For I say unto you, that God is able Of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." (MAT 3:9)**

These people are relying upon the fact that they think Abraham is their father, and that is enough. The equivalent is our day would be to think that God is your father, and because you have accepted Christ that is enough. Anything added to faith or belief is a heresy, a false notion, and let him that brings it be accursed. Notice what is said: these stones, which are the hearts of the people, can be (if they will allow it) be raised up into sons of God. The hidden aspect of what JOH is saying is that **the stony hearts of the people will have to undergo a process that allows them to be called sons of God**. Jesus called it the strait gate and narrow way which leadeth unto being 'born again' into 'life'.

Remember in Ezekiel 36:26 that God said that all his people have hearts of stone. Your profession of faith and belief do not alter this heart of stone. It is out of these stones that God will call the very elect. These are they which will walk the narrow way to the end, where the chief surgeon performs a heart transplant. We are seeing again the concept of **from the many come the few**. The many refuse to allow God to deal with their heart of hearts. It is off limits to Christ. They will allow only room in the outer court of their minds, but Christ had dare not come to their holy of holies, their inner heart. As a result, they refuse the narrow way and the reproof of God. They will not come to the light of agape love for their true confession of what sin really is.

**"and now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees; Therefore every tree which bringeth Not forth good fruit is hewn down, And cast into the fire." (MAT 3:10)**

The tree is the believer in Christ. The concept of the strait gate and narrow way is the laying the ax to the root. The root of the soul is the inner heart of hearts. The ax is going to be laid to this heart of hearts, **the ax is going right into**

**the holy of holies, and cut out the heart of stone.** The heart is going to be changed. It must be changed by regeneration. The fruit is of course the fruit of regeneration, which is **agape love**. The heart must bring forth the fruit of agape love, or it is to be cut down, and burned in the fires of eternal ruin. The heart cannot bring forth the fruit of agape love unless and until it walks the narrow way to find Christ, who stands at the end of the narrow way. If this process is not allowed by the soul, for whatever reason, that soul will bear works of iniquity, works of evil, as in the case of the many. Either one walks the narrow way and allows Christ to put the ax to the core of your problem, or you will simply be cut down and cast into the fire.

God is going to go right to the heart of the human condition. God is not going to fool around any more in ritual and surface religion. **God hates religion, he hates the solemn assembly** (ISA 1:10-15). God is all done with religion and religious pretense. That is all over with. Something new is in the offering with the arrival of Jesus Christ: it is a new heart, a new birth, a supernatural change within. God pleads with us to walk the narrow way to be made clean, and quit all of this pretense (ISA 1:16-19). The ax is going to cut the stony human heart to shreds, and is going to utterly destroy it. If the heart is not changed, if the ax is refused, and only a profession is made, then no fruit can come forth to the perfection of regeneration. All professors are simply burned in the fire. Jesus confirms this in JOH 15:6. John the baptist then says:

**"whose fan is in his (Jesus Christ) hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor and gather his wheat into the garner: but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (mat 3:12)**

Notice that Jesus will **purge his own floor**. That is, he will purge **his own people, all the believers, disciples, followers**. His own body will be purged of everything not authentic. The wheat he gathers up to take to his barn, and the chaff will be burnt up. This is a double reference parable for it also applies to all real believers, all authentic believers will go before the judgment seat of Christ and all evil works are burnt in the fires of searching judgment.

The word for 'purge' is "diakatharizo" and it means **to cleanse perfectly**. The cleansing comes from the bestowment of agape love **at regeneration**. Then comes the work on the other side of the cross. Then comes another form of purging. Laying the ax to the root of our hearts means to cut out our human natural heart, and God gives us a new one! Jesus said in the sermon on the mount that a corrupt tree could only bring forth evil fruit. MAT 3:10 cross compares with MAT 7:19. They are all God's people, but only a few of them are regenerated.

**Vast majority of end time Christians go into eternal ruin:**

We have now gone over an abundant amount of scripture to prove totally that the vast majority of Christians will end up in eternal ruin. We will now offer one more New Testament proof that is **Utterly shocking in it's implication:**

**"but there were false prophets also among the people (Israel) even as there shall be false teachers among you... ." (2PE 2:1)**

Peter is warning that just as Israel had false prophets, so too will the church have false teachers. They shall come. It is an imperative condition. It will happen. They will rise up among the Christian church, they will look like, sound like and act like real authentic born again Christians, but they will be liars. We are going to examine these false teachers in depth later. We only need to be aware that they are Christians, in the body of Christ, in the church, posing as authentic born again Christians. There is something about them however, that peter says will identify them to the true seeker: they will 'deny' the LORD that bought them. Now the word 'deny' does not necessarily mean they **disavow Jesus Christ as messiah**, but goes deeper than that. The word means that **they contradict what he says**. In other words, they will openly uphold Christ, but will **contradict his teachings about salvation**. This is not to say there are Christian false teachers who deny Christ, but this is directed to something far more deadly, for these are Christian leaders who are sincere and dedicated men of God, but who are 'dupes' of Satan:

**"...who privily shall bring in Damnable heresies, Even denying the LORD that bought them, And bring upon themselves swift destruction." (2PE 2:1)**

Notice it says that they 'privily bring in' damnable doctrine. It simply means **that these false doctrines are brought in totally unaware**. The body of Christ does not spot the error. This is not cult activity, but is instead mainstream christianity itself. These doctrines are so clever, so close to the real thing that the vast majority within the church do not detect the error. Not only do they not detect it, **they embrace the error as truth!** The error they embrace damns them to eternal ruin. The error they embrace is a lie, a falsehood, a tragic mistake in doctrine. It is an error in theology, in definitions, in the primary doctrine of salvation. It sweeps the entire church, is very popular, and **all primary denominations buy into it**, from the fundamentalists to the liberals. Remember it is undetected, brought in totally in secret, and it is

**Never detected by the many. They die embracing this false doctrine "and many (the vast majority shall follow their pernicious (damnable) ways;....." (2PE 2:2)**

The word for 'many' is again "polus" and it means **abundant number**, or in our language, the **vast majority**. When Jesus spoke of many, he always contrasted it to the "few". If the vast majority of Christians flock to the these false teachers, then we must say that **whatever the majority in the church are saying is true doctrine on how to get saved is in fact false**. That must be true because the popular doctrines on salvation are embraced as true, when in fact they are false! Those that embrace these doctrines go into eternal ruin, along with the false teachers who teach them.

**"...by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of." (2PE 2:2)**

Peter gets right to the point: these false teachers do not speak evil of Jesus Christ, they uphold Christ. What they speak evil of is **the way** that leads to the truth. Christ gave us only one way. **He called it strait and narrow**. We are being told that another doctrine, that is **so close** to the original that it appears 100% correct as to how one gets saved, is a lie right out of hell itself. **Their doctrines, a whole host of them, will in fact contradict and oppose the strait gate**

and narrow way. They will manufacture a doctrine that does not require you to enter in as Christ commanded. **They will redefine what faith is, they will redefine grace. They will redefine works.** Conversion will become regeneration, and they will insist the two are the same. Their whole doctrine will utterly oppose all the negative aspects of salvation. Once again we find a reference to the many, and once again we find the one essential element missing: their doctrines prohibit authentic regeneration.

They will claim a regeneration they do not possess. **They will redefine regeneration** in such a way as to **enable them to claim it.** It will be a lie, and the real truth they will oppose with violence. The elect will find their error and bypass it, and go on to find the living Christ, and go into union with him. The remainder will go into eternal ruin. God says he changes not. If Christians can be lost to eternal ruin via disobedience, then we should find proof in the old testament that God's people Israel could also end up in ruin.

**"my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (HOS 4:6)**

Notice it says my people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge. Could this have something to do with the New Testament saying that 'faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word'? **Is true biblical faith based upon an established knowledge of what the scriptures really say, both positive and negative, and then being obedient to the commands therein?** God is not a respecter of persons, and thus in many ways treats unbelievers and believers alike for disobedience, i.e., They go into eternal ruin. It appears there is a **general lack of real faith in all those that are turned away.** Is faith established by entering the strait gate and walking the narrow way? Is that what Christ means when he says 'believe'? Is that what Paul means when he says "believe from the heart?" is the strait gate and narrow way the way of knowledge?

Is the knowledge that God demands the knowledge of the **mystery of God?** Is the knowledge the knowledge of **agape love?** Faith and belief are essentially the same in the bible. If you simply went to the word definitions and looked them up, you could walk away with a false impression of what God and Christ intended. This is so because **Christ was very careful with his conditional phrases that explained those words.** It is the conditions attached that define the real meaning. If we drop off the conditional words like **if**, then we have a deadly misunderstanding of the commands of Christ. All of the comments of Christ referring to authentic salvation are

#### **Conditionally qualified.**

**If** you follow the conditions, then salvation is the result. **If** you refuse the conditions, or ignore them, you will **not** obtain salvation. Thus the word 'believe' does not mean what you think it means. The word for faith does not mean what you think it means. That is especially true today because we live in an 'instant' gratification world.

#### **Never forget to list all of the qualifiers.**

If true biblical faith comes from an ever expanding knowledge of scripture that is allowed to become **operative** in the life of the believer, then God can do his work of convicting unto salvation. Is that why Christ demanded that we **continue** in his doctrine? Is that why we find numerous warnings that we must abide in and study to show ourselves approved unto God? Something tragic happened to the many Christians, so tragic it brought them to eternal ruin. For one reason or another, they could not lay hold of the **mystery of God.** We have proven they were believers. We have shown you they had faith and belief by modern theological standards, yet they go into eternal damnation. This is impossible under modern Christian theology, which claims loudly that **faith and belief are what save the soul.**

What if faith and belief are only a **dynamic force** to propel you through the narrow way unto salvation? What if the definitions given to faith and belief are not correct? What if salvation itself is not faith and belief? What would happen if we made faith itself Jesus Christ? Would that not be faith in faith? Could we be fooled by a Satanic doctrine that substitutes **faith itself for Jesus Christ, and not be aware that we had done so?** The answer will shock you, for the answer is **yes.** If we make faith the same as Jesus Christ, then we become involved in idol worship, and our idol is faith. Faith becomes Christ himself; faith becomes God. Faith becomes everything there is!

What must I do to be saved? What does regeneration mean? Can I know for sure I am going to heaven? What is my proof? Is there any proof? The answers are far different than anything you imagine them to be. **The scriptural answers condemn modern Christian theology no matter what denomination.**

**"but we are not of them that draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe unto the saving of the soul." (HEB 10:39)**

An interesting question would be this: why would anyone draw back from **joy and laughter and good times if salvation is as pleasant as modern Christian theology makes it out to be?** This verse of scripture makes it sound like a real battle has to be fought, and that it becomes so intense that some people draw back and will **not continue to the end.** You only draw back from the negative; not from things positive. (another clue as to why the 'many' were lost).

#### **Final summery & conclusions**

We have proved beyond any doubt whatever that a large portion of the Christian church is unsaved and destined for eternal ruin. From the many to the non-overcomers, from the evil servants to the foolish virgins, from the fearful servant to the many that follow the false teachers, the evidence is massive and sweeping that

#### **The Vast Majority Of Christians Never Make It To Heaven.**

This must give all of us all reason to pause. These warnings are everywhere, we are to read them; learn from them. We are to avoid the mistakes made by 'many'. We are to count our own souls worthy of salvation, and we are to become obedient to the 'sayings of Jesus', and we are to do the will of the father. In conclusion, we have learned the following:

- 1. You can undergo what you think is a full conversion to Christ.**
- 2. You can be baptized in water by submersion or sprinkling.**

3. You can be baptized in holy ghost power and speak in tongues.
4. You can have faith to move mountains.
5. You can believe with a firm belief.
6. You can have all knowledge.
7. You can have all wisdom.
8. You can know the scripture backwards and forwards, inside out, in reverse and have it all totally memorized.
9. You can cast out demons, be on the front lines of battle in the war between Christ and Satan for the human race.
10. You can heal the sick and perform miracles in the name of Jesus Christ.
11. You can claim all the promises of scripture and be sure you are born again and heaven bound, and be positive of it.
12. You can give away all that you own in the name of Jesus.
13. You can give your body to be burned at the stake for Christ, and become a martyr for the cause.
14. You can attend every church service, pray sincere and dedicated prayers, go to the jails, the prisons, the hospitals, hand out tracts and be a super 'Christian'.
15. You can be a teacher, pastor or evangelist of world renown, pack the crowds in by the millions, ring your sermons off the high rafters of holiness and yet:

**You can end up in eternal loss and ruin, rejected by the LORD Jesus Christ; "I never knew you."**

It happens because of deception, because of false theology that redefines key words, that bypasses one way or another the flat commands of our LORD Jesus Christ. You can speak of the strait gate and narrow way, you can speak of the holiness walk, you can uplift all of these things, but your definitions of what they are, and what they mean can vary radically from what Jesus Christ said they mean.

**1. The definition of faith held by the many was not accurate.** Their interpretation of what faith really is was in total error. They had read all of the scripture verses about being saved by faith, and they obviously appropriated them. But they were not saved, they were rejected. That means their definitions of faith were in total error. And we have also proved they had a form of faith, but it was **not a saving faith**.

**2. The definition of believe held by the many was not accurate.** Their interpretation of the word believe was also in total error, for they obviously believed in Jesus Christ, and Jesus says that anyone who believes in him would be saved. They were not saved, **so then their interpretation of the word believe was wrong. It cost them eternity.**

**3. The definition of regeneration held by the many was not accurate.** Their interpretation of the word regeneration was in total error. They had read words like born again, regenerated, life, saved, salvation and others like it, but they did not define them properly, for **they were never regenerated**. The only way that can happen is to have a faulty definition of what it is! There is one issue between man and God, and only one: this issue must be faced and settled. It was the issue that peter had to face and settle. No one could deny that peter loved the LORD with all of his heart, soul and mind, yet for all that it was not enough. We must find out why it was not enough, and then we must comply or we will not lay hold of this mysterious, hidden and secret love of God: agape.

**How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the LORD, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him: God also bearing their witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the holy ghost, according to his own will?" (HEB 2:3-4)**

How can we neglect such a great salvation? If it is pride that keeps you, get rid of it. If it is arrogance, destroy it. If it is bias, rid yourself of it. If it is tradition, walk away from it. If it is your religious bias, your denominational bias, rise above it. If you are too busy, get un-busy. If you have too much business, off load. You must come to the scripture as a child, read it as a child, for scripture will open itself up **only** to the honest seeker. **If you attempt to prove your denominational beliefs are correct, and truth is not what you are seeking, God will verify your delusions. Never in the history of the world has a book been written that will verify delusions as scripture.** God said all those, everyone, that does not lay hold of agape love, will fall under a delusion. The 'many' were under a delusion. God allows it because these people were not seeking the real truth. **They only wanted a verification of what they thought was true.** Whatever holds you back you must get rid of it, or you will never see heaven, and you will be but one of the many who are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

**PRo 18:13 "he that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."**

Hear this matter out. **Check the scripture to verify if it is true.** We are now going to dig into the false prophets, and verify everything we have learned thus far. Extricate yourselves from the false prophets and their false churches and their false theology: **"come out of her my people..."**