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In the 27 books of the New Testament, there are over 230 references to hell. If your life was a 27-mile road with 230 signs warning you that the way you were going would take you to hell, would you stay on that road? The signs are telling you to STOP and turn around!

In **Matthew 7:13,14**, Jesus said, “Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the road is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Let’s look at the two roads and see which one you are on.

### The Wide Road Is A Bad Road

The life lived without Jesus Christ is a bad road. It’s bad not only because it will ultimately lead you to hell, but also because the bad road leads you away from God. That is what life without Christ looks like... getting as far from God as you can, living to please your sinful desires. Jesus said that the wide road has many people on it so you feel that you must be going the right way. It is filled with sin, and you wander around living any way you please. Jesus said, “out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, sexual sins, thefts, murders, adulteries, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man (**Mark 7:21-23**).

Living on this bad road shows that you have a bad heart, a sinful heart. You have been blinded by Satan to keep you loving your sin so you cannot see the beauty of Jesus Christ. His love for sinners is so great that He died on the cross to pay the full penalty for the sins of all who put their trust in Him for salvation.

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### **God's Road Is A Narrow Road**

God's road is a narrow road that you get on through a narrow gate, there are few people on it. It is a road of eternal and abundant life. The people on the road are those who Jesus Christ has saved and loves and they now follow Jesus. "My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me" (**John 10:28**).

What Jesus Christ is saying in Matthew 7:13 is that you can tell who is saved and who is not saved by what road they are on! The saved person has entered through the narrow gate of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and is following Jesus on the narrow road. God has done a radical work in saving that person and now they have a new heart, a good heart. They have been born again. God has taken them off of the wide road and by His grace puts them on the narrow road. They now love Jesus Christ, and their lives are full of thankfulness and gratitude to Jesus Christ who died for their sins so that they may be forgiven by God and have eternal life.

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Look at your life and ask yourself, "Which road am I on?" If you are living for this world and for your sinful desires, and have no desire to love Jesus or live for Him, you are on the wide road which leads to destruction, to hell. Most people are on this road. But, if you love Jesus Christ and live for Him and would give up anything to follow Him, you are on the narrow road of life. There are few people on this road. Those who are on the narrow road are on their way to heaven by God's grace!

The salvation that God offers in Jesus Christ is a free gift. You cannot earn it by your good works, religious effort, or any other means. God freely saves and forgives those who by God's grace see their sin, repent and put their trust in Jesus Christ alone to save them from the wrath of God, be forgiven, and receive eternal life. "By grace you have saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (**Ephesians 2:8**).

Your life is short at best. If you are on the wide road leading to destruction, STOP, run to God and ask Him to forgive you and give you all of the saving benefits that Jesus Christ purchased on the cross. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly" (**John 10:10**) God loves to save sinners, give them eternal life and love them forever, bringing them to heaven.

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