

The Narrow Door

Luke 13:22-30

Continuation of Christ's journey from Luke 9:51 - As He was making his way towards Jerusalem, He was teaching and preaching in small towns and villages, knowing full well He was on His way to die. *"Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."* (Eph 5:16)

“Lord, will those who are saved be few?” - The better question is, will I be one of them?

Personal Responsibility

"I am the door, if anyone enters by me, he will be saved and go in and out and find pasture."
John 10:9. Jesus is saying that following Him comes with a heavy cost (Luke 9:57-58) and there are many who are following Him for the wrong reasons (Matt 7:13-14).

The Christian must overcome many tribulations before they enter the Kingdom of God. (Acts 14:22)

- *"I have fought (Greek: agonizomai) the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* 2 Timothy 4:7. Paul took responsibility for his fight to endure. He wasn't suggesting that he endured in his own strength, but he did not separate from his responsibility to endure. (1 Cor 15:10)
- Christ must be chosen above all else. (Luke 14:25-27, Matt 13:18-22)

The door is “narrow” in one sense because each individual must pass through it on their own. No one is saved as a “group” or gets to “slip in” on the coattails of someone else’s faith.

Vs. 25-27

If you are lost, you are living on borrowed time! (Luke 12:20-21). You never know when your time is coming. Our lives are “a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” (James 4:13-14). We ought to live is the way the Psalmist says in Ps. 90:14 - “*So teach us to number our days so that we may get a heart of wisdom.*”

- Vs. 25: There are many people who will be surprised that the Lord will not accept them into His kingdom. There are many who value religion, or who go through the motions, but their heart is far from God. (Isaiah 29:13)
- 26-27: Jesus taught in Israel for 3 years. They were “familiar” with Jesus. But familiarity doesn’t save you. (Matthew 7:21-23).

Vs. 28-30

The Jewish people thought that because they were physical descendants of Abraham that they were in good standing with God. But being a physical descendant does not mean you are saved spiritually. (Gal 3:28-29). All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

- There will be a day in the future when the house of Israel will be saved, but it will be done by each individual repenting and putting their faith in Christ. (Luke 13:34-35)
- Vs.30 shows a reversal of expectations. The last will be first: Gentiles, who were looked down on, will be saved. They are on equal footing with the Jewish believers!

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music
On That Day — CityAllight Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery — Matt Boswell

Closing Song: Sovereign Over Us — Aaron Keyes

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September, we are partnering with Heartbeats to collect items to help stock their on-site Boutique. For more information about this collection, please see the September Newsletter.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY, immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** The Legacy Practicum will be starting back up TOMORROW, September 8th. This new 6-week, 16 lecture-hour course will be "The Kingdom of God" taught by Dr. John C. Whitcomb. Please see the August Newsletter for all of the details on this course. If you are interested in participating, please see Elder Richard!

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the Monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, September 13th, 7am at Big Apple Café — Log Pond location; Please RSVP to Pastor Zach if you plan on attending!

★**NEW MEMBER'S CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member or have any questions about Church Membership, this announcement is for you! We will be having a New Member's Class the NEXT TWO Sundays, September 14th **and** September 21st, at 9am, in the Pre-K room. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating! For questions, please see Pastor Zach.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be NEXT Sunday, September 14th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.