



The Narrow Way

THE NARROW WAY PART 1

Q. Are we in the Narrow Way?

The Way being a Person and not a process or a how to, to life.

In this series we are going to look at the only way to life and godliness, called the Narrow Way.

It is imperative we start at the correct position - the first position. It's this first position that will inform and empower each proceeding position. As in all things there is a beginning, a middle and an end, so to in God's perfect design, He builds in accordance with His predestined patterns.

We don't get to create, determine or change these patterns, we get to receive them and flow in the design of them.

It is imperative our first based position is Christ Himself, the Narrow Way and not self, a scripture, a principle, a rule or law, a purpose, another person or passion, a possession, a property, a formula or method.

To not have Christ, who is the Narrow Way, as your first, is to be on the back foot from the start. It's fully possible as a follower to not have Christ as your first even though you profess Him to be in words. It's fully possible for a follower to still be their own true foundation and be trying to build their lives on this foundation.

Why is this the case?

Because we have not been removed as the foundation of our own lives through resurrection power, which raised Jesus from death to life.

We have only made a mental or intellectual assent with what He did, as opposed to receiving Him who is the resurrection and the life.



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John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,"

This mental or intellectual assent isn't wrong, in fact it can be good, but it's still not the position of first. As good as it is and although it isn't wrong, it is still not the position of the Spirit, which is the position of first which is also the position of revelation.

Without the revelation of Jesus Christ in us, who is the Narrow Way, we remain void of a resurrected life in us.

Galatian's 1:11-12 "For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."

Anything less than revelation via the spirit, is the flesh of man, attempting to bring himself into the Narrow Way, and this demonic approach fails every time.

This is why Jesus considered Peter a blessed man, in relation to knowing He was the Messiah through the revelation of the Father and not through acquiring an intellectual assent, through flesh and blood, like everyone else.

It is the acquiring of knowledge through intellectual assent or study that leads us into having no true understanding of the Scriptures or the power of God.

Mark 12:24 "Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?"

The follower who hasn't come to know the Narrow Way via revelation, will be a follower who attempts to build their own lives through this intellectual assent, and they will be found to be empire builders, as opposed to kingdom ambassadors.

There is every chance that these builders who are followers, will actually reject the true Builder, who is the chief Cornerstone.



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Jesus told us in no uncertain terms that He is the Way!

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

This statement of absolute truth was in response to Thomas saying "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

When you hear "narrow way", do you first hear process - how to, journey, instruction, or do you hear - Person. Failure to hear Person and be in the living transformative knowledge of knowing the Person through divine revelation, will keep us out of the life we were called and chosen for.

The one who hears the word Person and is living in the transformative knowledge of Christ through revelation, will be the disciples and part of the church which Jesus is building.

Each proceeding position will build upon this Narrow Way going forward. If you find you lack the life that is being testified to in this resource, I urge you to return to, and spend as long as it takes in, the first-place position, the Person - Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. How confronting or challenging is it to your current understanding, that Jesus is the Narrow Way, and not a process or formula or method.
2. Why is being in the first based position so imperative to life in Christ?
3. What does revelation via the Spirit do in us which having an intellectual knowledge or assent can't do, especially when it comes to who our true foundation is?
4. What life can we expect to receive and live from the more we are in the Narrow Way?

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