

“The Choices We Make Determine the Life that We Live” Matthew 7:13-28

We have the authority to make certain decisions and at the same time, be accountable for those decisions.

And so, from the very beginning, it was a matter of choice backed by individual responsibility and accountability which tells us that the choices we make for ourselves determine the lives that we will live.

Because of the Person and work of our Lord, we are now in a family relationship with God the Father and we have the unique opportunity of further developing that relationship by walking in day by day, experiential fellowship with Him.

The Gospel by definition is some type of good news and biblically speaking; it's actually the communication of certain Bible doctrines pertaining to man's salvation.

Every person throughout his own life must make the decision for himself as to whether or not to enter the grace gate.

There are many ways of illustrating faith in the Bible but we are not to use an illustration for anything but an illustration; so, when we're speaking with lost souls, we talk to them about faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and that's it.

All of the religions throughout all of human history can line up side by side and still get through this wide gate!

The answer to man's problems is regeneration, never reformation and never ever improved environment.

Religion loves to put on an alluring front consisting of counterfeit power in which Satan empowers with his system for duplicating and misusing the gifts of tongues, healing and miracles; all things that are sure to impress the ignorant.

This fire also has an application to believers at the Judgement Seat of Christ where a figurative fire is built to consume each believer's human good; so, this fire will destroy the works done in the energy of the flesh but not the believer himself!

Please note that it's NOT the will of God for unbelievers to reform themselves, change their behavior pattern, join a church, be baptized or go through any other emotional experience; it's the will of the Father for unbelievers to do one thing: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The evil here is the practice of human good sponsored religion which operates outside the law of God which is the law of divine good production.

The people were shocked at our Lord's doctrine but they weren't converted so their amazement proved worthless.

Human opinion is meaningless while the truths of the Word of God are exact, specific, categorical and therefore, completely dogmatic.

After this wonderful inciteful message with all of its salvation implications, the life of Judas Iscariot was unchanged; he remained an unbeliever and a thief John 12:4-6.