

Daily Devotion For October 23, 2021

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14

As I was walking by a Baptist Church in Pacific Grove yesterday, I saw a sign that read, "Heaven won't be Heaven without you there." I often ask the questions, "If you were to die today, do you know for certain that you would go to be with God in heaven?" And secondly, "If you were to stand before God and He asked you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?" how would you respond?"

In the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus spoke about two gates, a narrow gate and a wide gate. The wide gate leads to a broad road that leads to destruction and that many people are on this road. On the other hand, Jesus spoke about a narrow gate that leads to a narrow road that leads to life and that few find it.

I know many people who think they will be in heaven but are actually on the broad road that leads to destruction. In John 10:9 Jesus said "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved." That's the answer. Jesus is the gate to enter through on the way to heaven.

Thought For Today: What gate have you passed through? What road are you on? Where is the road you are on leading you? Think carefully about these questions because it will determine where you will spend eternity.

Today's Prayer Focus: Take time today to pray for those who have entered through the wide gate and are walking on the broad road that leads to destruction. Pray that they would enter through the Jesus gate. Also, Evelyn Kageyama asks continued prayers for her walking buddy who has been diagnosed with Colon Cancer. Deo Volente.