One Gate to Life!

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Life is a serious *battle* with the *enemy* of our soul—making it absolutely *essential* that we *keep believing* and *keep trusting* on the Blood of Christ for every aspect of life.

Entering the One Gate to Life is heeding the warning of our Savior. Matthew 7:12 "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets [summed up]."

He said Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." The Christian path to life is by way of believing faith on the Cross of Calvary.

The greatest danger facing everyone is the fires of Hell—the Truth from the Word of God must be followed by acting faith in God—His eternal Truth must be known and lived and kept in memory. The worst fate possible cannot be reversed once it is experienced. Hebrews 9:27 "As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

We have this opportunity to head toward the One Gate to Life! Since everyone will someday face judgment—God's mercy offered His Son so we would *not* be judged. 28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them

that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation"—to escort believers through the One Gate to Life!

These last days are when false teaching and deceptive doctrines are increasing. Wrong interpretations of Bible Truth can lead a person *away* from true faith and real trust on the power of God—and those days were predicted.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

A multitude of religious messages can *sound* good, but to *be* good they must include the *whole counsel of God*—informing the listener of believing *faith* and actual *trust* on the shed Blood of Christ for all life issues—*all* not some.

There are *two gates* and *two* goals Matthew 7:13 so everyone *has* a choice, and everyone will *make* a choice—of either the *strait gate* to eternal life, or the *broad way* to eternal death. A *huge* majority of unrepentant people in the world continue on a wide road to endless suffering; and a very *small* minority of *repentant* Christians continue on a narrow path to eternal joy and jubilation.

Jesus clearly warned that Hell is a real place of horrible suffering. It is the most *horrific fate* anyone could imagine. It is *possible* to avoid it, however, but most people will *not* escape it, because they will *not trust* an unseen God in faith for anything in this life.

As we *wait* for Christ's return, we must be sure we are *trusting* God and *keeping* our faith on the Blood of Christ for everything—for a right attitude toward everyone; having scriptural desires; trusting Him for wisdom every day and being steadfast in our faith in Christ through all trials.

Deception is possible, so warnings are given. Luke 13:24-25 "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

"When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are [I do not know you]."

We must keep ever before us: Heaven is a real place of eternal *happiness*, *contentment*, and *enjoyment*—but it is only for *believers*—for those who *heed* the warnings; *repent* of sins; *forsake* wrong attitudes; *trust* in God; and *keep* their faith on the atoning Blood of Jesus.

All the trouble in this world is the result of rejecting God's Word—Genesis 3:14 "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field." Adam accepted the lies of the devil and reaped the consequences of that rebellion.

Our *trust* on God and our *faith* in Christ must be real and active and enduring through all tests— Matthew 5:20 "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

If we do not enter the kingdom prepared for believers, then we will enter the flames prepared for unbelievers Matthew 25:41. If we live like the world we will end like the world—guilty and sentenced to the flames. Matthew 25:46 "These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal"—righteous by believing in Jesus and trusting on the atoning Blood of Calvary.

This *life* is a spiritual *battle* and a Hebrews 12:4 "Striving against sin." If we have truly repented; forsaken our sins, eliminate wrong thoughts and unscriptural attitudes—keeping our faith on the Blood of Christ, then we can claim victory over the devil's influence and pressure to follow his way.

It is possible to leave the right path to Life—and to destroy the faith of others in the process.

The apostle said 2 Timothy 2:18 "Who concerning the truth have erred," and because of that wrong decision, "overthrow the faith of some." Many profess faith in Jesus but turn away from faith later in life.

There are *two types* of people—believers and unbelievers; the wise and foolish; righteous and unrighteous. *Keeping* our *faith* on the Blood of Christ is the only way to *be* righteous. We are either a child of the Father or a child of the devil; we are either *for* or *against* the Truth. Matthew 12:30 "He that is not with me is against me."

When asked Luke 13:23-24 "Lord, are there few that be saved?" He replied, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

We *heed* His words and keep our faith in Him—for healing without drugs; for protection without guns; for food without carnal plans; and for entering the One Gate to Life by an enduring faith in Jesus!

There are some, who Luke 8:13 "For a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away." Their faith did not endure. One-time believers can later become unbelievers. All too many no longer have faith in God—due to Matthew 13:22 "The worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth." It can be Mark 4:19 "The desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful."

A life of faith in God can be challenging because of wrong teaching; desire for money; or varied attractions of the world. False teachers can devour us—making the strait road vitally important. ^{2 Peter 2:1} "There were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you." We must be on guard—since they "Bring upon themselves swift destruction."

If we are *led away* from a life of trust on God with no repentance, we will land in the flames. The *Once Saved Always Saved* delusion teaches that a one-time profession of *faith* eternally *secures* a

person—no matter how they live later. But John 15:2 "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." If that happens 6 "Men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

We conduct our life according to a set standard of morality—a standard we believe is necessary to avoid the flames. What we believe to be a right doctrine is how we will conduct our life. The Truth must be known and our faith must endure—our eternal destiny hinges on what we believe about the atoning sacrifice of Jesus.

Most people are deceived to think that God does *not* protect them without firearms; that God will *not* heal them without medical attention; that God will *not* provide their needs without Welfare checks; and that God will *not* do *anything* for people today.

Satan deceives millions to *not accept* the divine plan of believing faith and trust on God that is explained in the Bible—he offers a million and one counterfeit plans for healing, finances, avenging wrongs, and other relevant issues—*false* plans that he uses to *deceive* people to follow his wide road of unbelief to a horrible fate of eternal destruction.

Millions trust in the medical profession for healing because the devil wants to rob them of the spiritual benefits that accompany *divine* healing by prayer and trust on God. Jeremiah 17:5 "Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD.'"

The greatest danger we face is the unending fires of Hell, but most people are *not* walking the strait path of faith toward the One Gate to Life! The narrow path is a difficult road because deception, lies, and distorted doctrines littering the way—such things can cause us to stumble in our faith on God.

It is imperative that we hold on to *God's Truth*—we are *compelled* to make every effort to

remain in a position of trust on God and faith in Christ. No one *can* let down their spiritual guard—everyone must be *alert* to deception until Jesus returns.

Romans 11:19 "Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear"—fear of God enables us to know the power of God and the importance of that verse.

21 "For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again."

It is everyone's responsibility to *trust* God in faith and to *believe* in the resurrection power of Christ to do things through prayer and steadfast faith. We are to judge *ourselves*, make *corrections*, and to *pray* continually for divine wisdom and spiritual light.

Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way [of unbelief] in me, and lead me in the way everlasting"—through the strait Gate to Life eternal—which is only by faith and through trust on the shed Blood of Christ!

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