



TRUE CHRISTIANITY

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In week twelve of THE GOAT, the Greatest Sermon Of All Time, taught by the Greatest Teacher Of All Time, Jesus is uncomfortably clear when He says, *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”* Matthew 7:13-14

READ Matthew 7:13-23. What is Jesus trying to get us to ask ourselves in these passages?

What is true Christianity?

3 CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY

1. True Christianity starts with trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord.

READ John 10:9. The gate that leads to eternal life is called “narrow”. This does not mean it is difficult to become a Christian, but that there is only one way to live eternally with God. How do we get through the narrow gate?

Every one of us is on one of two roads.

BROAD ROAD - READ Proverbs 14:12. The broad road is easy to find. If we don’t choose to get off of the broad road, we will stay there. It feels right, but it leads to destruction.

NARROW ROAD - READ John 14:6. This is one of the most important passages in Scripture. How can we know the way to God? All roads DO NOT lead to heaven. One leads to destruction and one leads to life. Why do you think it is difficult for people to believe that Christ is only one way to God?

You must make a decision!

READ Romans 10:9-10. Believing in Jesus is the only way to heaven, because He alone died for our sins and made us right with God. **Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior and Lord?**

2. True Christianity produces a fruitful life.

READ Matthew 7:15-20. False prophets/teachers were common in Old Testament times. They prophesied only what the king and the people wanted to hear. Even today we must be careful when we hear words that sound religious, but are spoken by people who are motivated by money etc. You can tell who they are because their teaching minimizes Jesus as the Christ.

READ 2 Timothy 4:2-5. How can you tell a false teacher from a true teacher? What must we be doing?

READ Galatians 5:22-23. The Spirit produces these characteristics that are found in the nature of Christ. What are the characteristics of a fruitful life?

READ John 15:5. How do we bear Spiritual fruit?

Is your life producing Spiritual fruit?

3. True Christianity is based on the gospel, not on works.

READ Matthew 7:21-23. Jesus exposes those who sounded religious, but had no personal relationship with Him. What is the difference and why is it so important?

READ John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:8. We become Christians through God's unmerited grace, not as a result of any effort or act of service on our part.

Are you ready to say YES to Jesus?

Today is the day. If you are ready to say YES to Jesus, text ISAIDYES to 55444 or visit <http://www.cpcdanville.org/yes/> for information on how you can accept the gift of eternal life, and move from the BROAD ROAD to the NARROW ROAD.

COMMIT TO MEMORY: Matthew 7:13-14