

"I want to be a worker" (1 Thess. 1:3)

The Coastal Light

Church of Christ

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"Yet who knows
whether you have come
to the kingdom for such
a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

"The churches of Christ salute you"

Romans 16:16

Sunday Services

10:00am Bible Class

11:00am Worship

6:00pm Worship

Wednesday Service

7:00pm Bible Class

Welcome Visitors

**You are our honored guest.
Thank you for coming to visit with us.**

**Please complete a Visitor's Card and put it in
the collection plate.**

Let us know if we can assist you in any way.

**You are encouraged to take any DVDs or tracts
you find in the foyer and enjoy some Visitors
Bread in the basket beside the door as you exit.**

**Past sermons can be found on our website at:
www.churchofchriststm.org**

PRAYER REQUEST

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Steve Lane, Mary Perry, Judy Miller, Baby
Maude Hamshir, Mark Reynolds

Shut - ins

Remember our shut-ins. Reach out with a
phone call, visit or card to keep them
encouraged.

Clyde Crane, Mary Perry, Judy Smith, Steve
Lane,

God's Plan for Saving Man

God Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Inspired word: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christians Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christians Faithfulness: Revelation 2:10

Card Ministry

Announcements

Fellowship meal today

Today's Sermons:

AM –

Elder's Corner

The Road We Travel

Life is full of choices. Just take a moment and think about how many different decisions you made today. What time to get up? What to wear? What to eat? Each day we are confronted with choices. Some of the choices that we make on a daily basis have very little impact on our lives.

Of all the choices that we make, the most critical of all is our decision about God and His kingdom. That is the ultimate choice that determines our eternal destiny. All the other important decisions in life hinge on that choice. It is a decision that Jesus calls on us to make. Jesus said, *Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few* (Matthew 7:13-14). In our lives we quickly come to a fork in the road of life. We will be standing at the crossroads where two signs, one pointing to Jesus and eternal life and the other pointing toward a path of destruction. Each of us will have to make our own choice. As we stand at the fork in the road, what will we choose?

The Wide Gate. This gate is wide and easy to enter. Many people will be making the decision to travel this way in life. It is attractive, indulgent, and self-serving. It is tolerant, non-judgmental, and non-offensive. To step through this gate and walk on the easy road requires few if any restrictions or requirements. You can be your own boss, be your own Lord for that matter. Entering this gate will allow you to carry any baggage you want with you.

Sin is tolerated. Doctrine is avoided. There is little emphasis on morality and commitment. Those who enter this gate will ridicule those who are squeezing through the other gate. What scares me about the wide gate is that it leads to hell, the sentence of eternal damnation away from God in a burning lake of fire.

The Narrow Gate. This gate is narrow and hard to enter. It is not a popular choice to make. This gate is so narrow that you have to go through it alone. You cannot take anyone else with you. Your husband, your wife, your children, your relatives and friends cannot enter hanging on to your leg. If they would enter they must do so on the basis of their own choice. This gate is also so narrow that you cannot bring your baggage with you. Your sins cannot enter with you. Your pride cannot enter with you. All of your self-accomplishment, influence of money all of it must be left behind if you are to enter the narrow gate. Choosing to leave everything behind and entering through the narrow gate has tremendous blessings but it is hard. It takes commitment, sacrifice, and devotion to stay on the narrow road. However, this road leads to eternal life. Those who squeeze through this narrow gate will enjoy being in the presence of God for eternity.

Life is all about choices and life is about the freedom to make those choices. God loved us enough to allow us to choose which gate we will enter.
When you stand at the fork in the road of life, which gate will you enter?

A gate is used for entrance and according to Jesus the entrance to the road to heaven is narrow or small. That is because He has specified His entrance requirements. Few will submit to the entrance requirements and few will stay on the narrow way once they have gone through the gate.
