

WHY THE KINGDOM?

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(Matthew 7:13-14)

There are many religions to choose from in the world. You can choose to serve under the religion of Islam, Catholicism, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, etc. With multiple faiths to choose from, why should you choose the Kingdom of God?

Why is the Kingdom of God different from other religions? Unlike a religion, the Kingdom of God is **NOT** a religion. The Kingdom is **NOT** centered around tradition. It is focused on **TRANSFORMATION**.

The Kingdom of God focuses on transforming your mind, behavior, values, morals, perspective and character. Religion does not have a desire to transform you. It's only passion is to keep you in bondage.

Religion burdens you with worthless traditions and empty rituals. The Kingdom enlightens you to a world of divine prosperity, daily miracles and supernatural favor. Even though these are wonderful reasons why a person should choose the Kingdom of God it is **NOT** the most important reason why they should pursue the Kingdom.

**“IF YOU DO NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF
GOD, YOU CANNOT GO TO HEAVEN.”**

NARROW IS THE WAY

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In Matthew 7:13-14 Jesus is teaching us that the **WAY** to Heaven is narrow. The journey in which one gets to Heaven is not easily found. People attempt to make it a very simple process. However, the Bible shows us something different.

When a pathway is **NARROW** it specifies that the **ROUTE** to the desired destination is **NOT** known by many. If the

world can articulate the route in which to get to Heaven, it's the **WRONG** way. Jesus **PURPOSELY** hid the route to Heaven, so only the chosen few would be able to find it.

In Matthew 7:13 Jesus said, "*the gate and road that is wide will lead to hell.*" What was Jesus intentions in using the word "*wide*?" The word wide emphasizes that something can be easily found without effort. Think about it.

What can people **EASILY** find without studying, seeking or asking? **RELIGION!** Religion is all around you. Religion is big business. When Jesus was talking about the wide road and gate in Matthew 7:13, He was referring to **RELIGION.**

Being subservient to religion will cause you to hate the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees hated Jesus because His Kingdom conflicted with their religion. The Sadducees hated Jesus because His Kingdom conflicted with their religion.

When Kingdom citizens encounter religious people there will be tremendous strife between the two because people of opposite values cannot walk the same journey.

Many people find a religion. Religion is everywhere. The world accepts religion. They create laws to protect our religious freedom. Religion is merely the appearance of faith **ABSENT** of substance.

Jesus said this broad way of tradition and ritualism will lead to hell. However, there is a **NARROW** gate the world is **UNAWARE** of. The narrow gate that Jesus spoke of is called the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, "this narrow gate is small and the road is narrow but this way leads to true life and **ONLY A FEW PEOPLE** will find it." Think about this.

- Do you hear more conversations about religion than the Kingdom of God?
- Are more people familiar with religion than the Kingdom of God?

- Do you find more people looking for a religion before the Kingdom of God?

If the answer to these questions are yes, it proves that more people gravitate to religion than the Kingdom of God. How many people affiliate themselves as a member of a religious organization instead of identifying themselves as Kingdom citizens?

How many people boast about following their spiritual leader instead of giving homage to the Holy Spirit? These are the types of questions that will help you understand why only a **FEW PEOPLE** will find the narrow gate.

According to www.newsmax.com the top five religions in the world are Christianity, Islam, Catholicism, Hinduism and Agnosticism. Notice that the Kingdom of God is not mentioned. If you are trying to get to heaven, **NEVER** follow what the world can measure, calculate and understand.

FOLLOW WHAT THEY DO NOT KNOW AND CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR. Since the Kingdom of God cannot be measured with statistics it cannot be easily found. Since you cannot see the Kingdom with your physical eyes it will not be readily discovered. This is why **ONLY** a few people will find their way to heaven.

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