

Which Way?

1. Two ways

- A. Matt 7:13-14 – Narrow way vs. broad way
- B. Many will find destruction.
 - 1. Does God love the lost? Yes!
 - 2. What's the problem? They don't love God.
- C. Why does their lack of love cause eternal death?
 - 1. Will God kill them because He is upset? No.
 - 2. Away from heater -> no heat
 - 3. They run away from the source of life.

2. One road

- A. One way goes toward God, the other goes away.
- B. What if you are going the wrong way?
 - 1. No GPS – Palawan “short cut”
 - 2. Bad directions – Barstow Panda Express
 - 3. Regardless, you need a U-turn.

3. Spiritual U-turn

- A. Ezekiel 33:11 – Turn from your evil ways! Why die?
- B. Ezekiel 18:30 – Repent, and turn.
- C. Acts 2:37-38 – What shall we do? Repent.
- D. Acts 3:19 – Repent and be converted.

4. Repentance = you turn

- A. *epistrephō* (G1994) / *shuwb* (H7725)
 - 1. Turn, return, convert – behavior
 - 2. Die if you continue
 - 3. Do whatever it takes to turn around
 - 4. Don't entertain doubts
 - 5. A single sin moves us away from God
 - 6. Jesus can save us from our sins – Mt 1:21
 - 7. Ezekiel 36:27 – walk in statutes, keep judgments

- B. *metanoēō* (G3340) / *nacham* (H5162)
 - 1. Repent, be sorry – mind
 - 2. Ezekiel 36:26 – new heart and spirit
 - 3. Lot's wife
 - 4. Hypocrite without it
 - 5. Before you turn, you must want to turn.

- C. Not about avoiding suffering and death
- D. Sorrow that we are going away from God

5. How do we make it happen?

- A. Romans 8:7 – carnal mind enmity against God
 - 1. Started in Eden
- B. Genesis 3:15 – I will put enmity
 - 1. Enmity against God → enmity against sin
- C. Acts 5:31 – Jesus gives repentance
- D. If God didn't draw us, we would never repent

6. How does God draw us?

- A. John 12:32 – lifted up, draw all peoples
- B. Rom 2:4 – God's goodness leads to repentance.
- C. **Behold!** His goodness makes us want to go to Him.

7. Are you too ungodly to go to Christ?

- A. Romans 5:6 – Christ died for ungodly
- B. He accepts us the way we are.
- C. He loves us too much to leave us that way. **Turn!**

8. God wants us to come home.

- A. It does NOT mean going to heaven.
- B. It means going back to Him – heart, mind, actions.