

Everyone says you must walk the straight and narrow, but what does that mean?

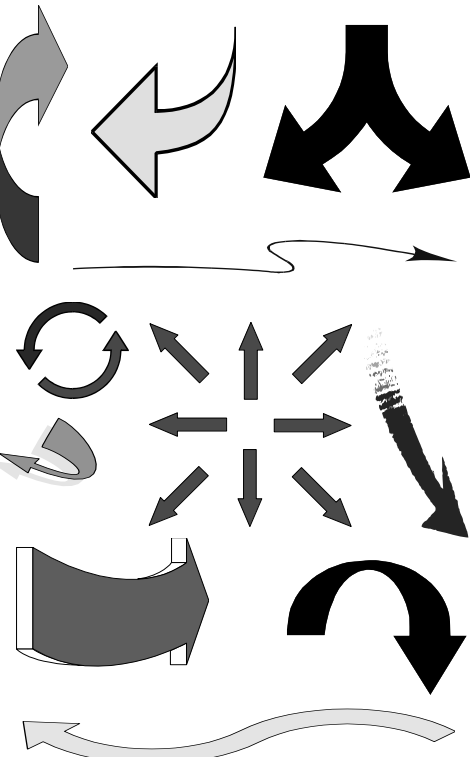
Even though we hear people talk all the time about walking the straight and narrow to get to Heaven, I have never seen anyone explain it so that it makes sense from the Bible.

- ☛ Does it mean that we have to live really good to go to Heaven?
- ☛ Does it mean we must stay on the path that Jesus walked and do what He did?
- ☛ Does it mean making sure we don't do anything wrong and slip off the path?
- ☛ Does it mean if we slip off, we can't get back on, or what do we have to do to get back on if we did get off that path?
- ☛ How close do I have to stay on the path?
- ☛ Where is the path, and how do I know if I am walking on it?

If you look at these questions, all of them are dealing with doing good works, but the Bible teaches that we are not saved by works.

Many questions like these come up when you don't look at all the verses around the one that says to "walk the straight and narrow." You must read it in context.

Look at these verses and the illustration to help you.



**Which path is the straight and narrow
Way that will get me to Heaven?**

Jesus is the straight and narrow way.

John 14:6 "Jesus saith... I am the way..."

People (earth)

Going to church

Doing good unto others

Getting baptized

Living a good life

Obeying the 10 commandments

HELL

These people were all doing good things in Jesus' name but never totally trusted Jesus to take them to Heaven. The broad path to destruction is when someone knows Jesus is the Lord and died for them but they trust Jesus plus what they can do to get them to Heaven.

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 narrow there be which go in thither: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

HOW CAN I FIND IT?
Matthew 7:21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

WHAT IS THE WILL OF THE FATHER?
John 6:40 "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life:..."

HOW DO SOME PEOPLE TRY TO GO TO HEAVEN?
Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"

WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?
Matthew 7:23 "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

WE DON'T THINK DOING THOSE THINGS SOUNDS BAD, BUT TRYING TO GO TO HEAVEN ANY OTHER WAY OTHER THAN JESUS IS SIN.

Now What?

If you just asked Jesus to save you, then, according to the Bible you are on your way to Heaven. It is not anything you did good that takes you to Heaven. It is trusting what Jesus did on the cross that takes you to Heaven.

The first thing Jesus wants you to do now that you are on your way to Heaven is to go to church. Church does not save you, but it does help you to grow in the Christian life and be what God now saved you to be. Just like a person who plays football has a coach and a playing field, a Christian has a coach (pastor), and a playing field (church). A coach and a football field don't make him a football player, they just make him a better football player. Going to church doesn't make a person a Christian, but it helps a Christian to be a better Christian. Just like you would ask the coach a question about football, you ask the pastor a question about the Bible or the Christian life.

Many people will say they already have a church that they attend. It just makes sense to me to go to the church where someone cares enough to give you this tract to try to help you make sure you are on your way to Heaven. At least give it a try and visit one time.

If you didn't just ask Jesus to save you and you have some more questions, please come and visit or give the pastor a call. He would love to answer your questions.

Since living good can't save us, read carefully these five things you must realize to go to Heaven.

1. WE ARE ALL SINNERS.
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
2. THERE IS A PRICE FOR SIN.
"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Revelation 20:14
3. JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR OUR SINS.
"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8
4. SALVATION IS NOT BECAUSE OF OUR WORKS, SALVATION IS BECAUSE OF A PERSON, JESUS CHRIST.
"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Romans 4:5
5. GOD WANTS TO SAVE YOU IF YOU WILL JUST PUT YOUR TRUST IN HIM.
"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

If you understand these facts and want to go to Heaven, you can! Simply put your trust in Jesus and ask Him to save you. If you would like to be saved, pray this prayer, trusting only Jesus to save you.

Dear Jesus,
I know that I am a sinner, and I know that I deserve Hell. Jesus, please save me and take me to Heaven when I die. Jesus, I trust only you as my way to Heaven. Amen