

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for March 3, 1985**

**Enter By The Narrow Gate**  
**Matthew 7:13**  
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Christ's Way:

The choice of the path we will take to heaven.

In **Luke 16:19-31** is the story of the rich man and Lazarus. In light of eternity the rich man's concern was his brother's choice for eternity.

What are the choices?

1. Narrow Gate
2. Wide Gate

Jesus' appeal to us is that we would enter by the narrow gate. The narrow gate is Jesus, more specifically a personal relationship with Jesus.

This teaching can be offensive because it eliminates all other ways to heaven.

The Scripture clearly teaches that there is a narrow and a wide gate.

Jesus is the narrow gate; all other paths are the wide gate.

How do we know that we have entered that narrow gate?

1. We need to have made Jesus the Savior of our lives. Simple? No! What does making Him "Savior" mean?

Having a clear view of our own wickedness, coming to Jesus without merit. Knowing we are lost and trusting totally in Jesus.

2. We need to make Jesus Lord of our life. **Verse 21**, "he who does the will of my Father..."

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Is this grace through faith? Yes!

Where are the works? By faith: by faith in Jesus.

Having seen our own wickedness and foolishness, having the faith now to trust Jesus for our salvation, we trust Jesus to be Lord of our life.

To be assured we are entering through the narrow gate, we need to continually be putting Jesus in front, as Lord of our lives.