Narrow Gate, Narrow Way

<u>Matthew 7:13-14</u>: "Enter in at the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in that way. Because narrow is the gate, and hard is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that <u>find</u> it."

God has always strived to bring mankind to the making of that ultimate choice.

• Jesus becomes the crux of everyone's destiny. A deliberate choice has to be made.

There are two Religions, NOT many:

Both roads are marked "this is the way to heaven" - only one road goes there.

There is the religion of <u>divine accomplishment</u> -God has done it all in Christ, and there is the religion of human achievement -we do some of it.

Most of humanity is on the road of human achievement:

Jesus wants to bring mankind to a point where he realizes his utter incapacity to please God in his own flesh.

Jesus said, "You must enter this narrow way. If you're going to be in My kingdom.

I Timothy 2: "There is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

1 John 2:3-6

3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

2 Corinthians 13:5 says, "examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith..."

Moment of Decision