

„Enter by the narrow gate;
for wide is the gate and broad is
the way that leads to perdition;
and there are many
who go in by it.

Because small is the gate
and narrow is the way
which leads to life,
and there are few
who find it.”

*Where
do you
go?*

Matthew 7:13-14



CALL TO LIFE

1. Do you know the aim of the way you are going to face?
Do you know that you are standing at a deadly place?
Facing the dangers are you deaf and blind,
like all those who on the broad road you find?

Refrain: Where do you go?

2. Your life is short and soon you'll have to see,
that you must go to that vast eternity.
Today your clock may do the final stroke,
your life here on the earth will pass like smoke.

Refrain: Where do you go?

3. Yet Jesus wants to save you by His love,
therefore He came to help you from above.
Can you already see His hands stretched out?
Why do you not respond to Him, but still doubt?

Refrain: Where do you go?

4. On the broad roads the Good Shepherd seeks today
those who are lost and have gone astray.
Today, will you respond to His love and voice,
so that angels in Heaven in your salvation rejoice!

Refrain: Jesus calls you!

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Sin has come into the world by Satan (Lucifer), the fallen prince of the angels (Isaiah 14:12). This rebellion had to be removed so that God's glory and harmony in heaven could be restored. Therefore God decided to establish the cross „**before the foundation of the world**“ (Ephesians 1:4). For the sake of this masterpiece the triune God decided: „**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness**“ (Genesis 1:26).

Because He knew that man would fall when tested, He perceived only one solution: **JESUS**

CHRIST. He was ready for this: „**Then I said** - Jesus Christ, the Son of God -: **Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book** - the Bible - **it is written of Me. To do Your will, My God, I delight. And Your law is within My bowels**“ (Psalm 40:7.8). And thus Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of the world came 2000 years ago to die on the cross outside of the gates of Jerusalem as a sacrificial lamb for our sins. When He said: „**It has been completed!**“ (John 19:30), God had made Him, the pure One, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, and the righteous One to become a curse for us (2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13), „**and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, through Him, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens, making peace through the blood of His cross**“ (Colossians 1:20).

Human beings always prefer to take the middle course in order to avoid making a decision. But there are only two ways in life: The broad way or the narrow way. The broad way leads to condemnation, the narrow way to life. Which way are you walking on?

By birth everyone is walking on the broad way because of Adam's sin. Therefore Jesus said to the pious man Nicodemus, who was a teacher of the Holy Scriptures: „**Truly, truly, I say to you, Except one receive birth from above, he is not able to see the kingdom of God ... Except one receive birth of water and Spirit** - by the cleansing power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit -, **he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God. That receiving birth from the flesh, flesh is** - depraved and lost due to sin - **and that receiving birth from the Spirit, spirit is** - at home with God in eternity. - **Do not wonder because I told you, 'you must be born again'** - born from above, by the Holy Spirit. - ... **You are the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?**“ (John 3:5-7.10).

To be born again implies a change of direction, which you need, indeed, to enter the way of life, changing from the natural way of life to the spiritual way. That is what the picture on the front page shows: The

natural man walks on the broad way. He needs to leave it in order to reach the straight path through the cross to glory. Whoever repents and sincerely confesses his sins and asks Jesus to come into his heart, will experience the glorious eternal truth of **Colossians 1:13** and **2:13**: „**He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love ... and you, dead being in the offenses ..., He made alive with Him, having forgiven you all the trespasses.**“

God has done the work of salvation. You must accept it by faith. Then you will be on the side of life. Faith receives and then experiences the truth.

Only those who enter through the narrow gate, which is the Lord Jesus, and walk on the narrow path following Jesus Christ, will have this new life, indeed. Where is the aim of your life's way? Where do you go?

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