

Glorious Alternative 18 - Standing in the Gap

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14

The most critical decision of our life is whether we will choose Jesus and his way or a path of our own.

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, Matthew 7:12

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. John 10:9

Jesus does not punish people as much as he allows us to experience the natural result of our earthly choices.

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

14 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14-15

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 16:25

The wide road of the world can be very comfortable and gives the illusion that we are going in the right direction.

By making the gate narrow, Jesus illustrates the effort that it takes to get through it.

The great dichotomy of salvation. We pay nothing for it and yet it costs us everything.

let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, Hebrews 12:1

Jesus is standing in the gap, and if it is eternal life we desire, it is through him we must enter.