

Religion's Use of "The Narrow Way"

(The purpose of this article is to reaffirm that Jesus is the only way to enter the Kingdom)

The Christian religion imperceptibly teaches a different 'narrow way'¹ to the one that Jesus taught about. I used to be fully immersed in their 'narrow way', so I'm quite familiar with what it entails.

The teaching starts correctly with Jesus being 'the door'² to enter the Kingdom, which is what everyone parrots when asked about the 'narrow way'. However, the 'narrow way' becomes a religious path (way) that follows on after you go through the Jesus-door. The 'way' (path) is narrow for everyone, because few are willing to curb their life totally to meet all the religious requirements to stay on the path.

Unless you think I'm talking about Roman Catholicism or Anglicanism, I found the same (although slightly variant) requirements for adherence to the 'narrow way' when I was in the Evangelical, Charismatic and Pentecostal systems. Now I'm out of them and in the Kingdom as a son, I can look back and analyse what I was subconsciously taught about their 'narrow way'.

Their path (way) consists of religious and legalistic activities what are prescribed as essential to maintain a person's "salvation". It can be keeping the Sabbath, keeping the ten commandments, going to church on Sunday, taking Holy Communion, reading the Bible daily, attending weekly prayer meetings, regular fasting, tithing, and so it goes on. All these are considered compulsory, otherwise the deficient person is told they are back-slidden or even that they face Hell if they don't repent and stick to the rituals. That brings fear into the person so they comply with the organisation's program of what constitutes 'the narrow way'.

Those, of course, are bondages controlled by fear, things that Jesus came to free us from. In fact, he said that when we come into the Kingdom we'll be free because we'll receive the truth from him and we'll have abundant life with freedom³. That's NOT what the religious and legalistic 'narrow way' offers – they offer their truth, plus a mandated demanding life of restrictions.

Of course, the best source for information about the **reality** of the Narrow Way is Father, because it's his plan that Jesus implemented and was referring to. Here's what he told Kriston Couchey about it:

"Son, the stingy requirements of religion are not the path to life. Nor is it to be found in simply pleasing oneself. Jesus IS the narrow gate, Jesus IS the path of life, Jesus IS the light and Jesus IS the living water of life. All who drink from Him will never thirst again but live."⁴

*The gateway to life is not narrow because it is hard to enter; it is narrow because **Jesus is the ONLY way to life. You must cease from your religious labors to enter by Him, through Him and into Him.** 'His yoke is easy and His burden is light and you will find rest for your souls in His life-giving flow'.⁵*

Only from Him, in Him and through Him can you obtain the everlasting life I made available for mankind. All who choose to drink of Christ Himself will receive the fullness of the abundant life I offer; not someday, not through hard work, not through any religious activities, but NOW from my outstretched hands!

Men will either trust in what is already finished by embracing and receiving abundant life of Christ, or they will follow another road which only leads to darkness. 'The Spirit and the Bride say come and drink' of this abundant new life."⁶

No more needs to be said about the genuine Narrow Way. We have Father's mind on it, so that settles it.

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1 – Emphasis mine. [LDS]

2 – Or "gate" (John 10:9)

3 – "But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow!" (John 10:10 TPT)

4 – John 4:14

5 – Matthew 11:30

6 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:37]