

**"THE TWO WAYS"****Introduction**

1. The Lord Jesus is here, speaking
2. This Sermon ends with applications
3. These words are for those who have not come yet to salvation

**1. CHRIST DESCRIBES THE WAY OF THE WORLD**

- 1) v.13: "wide...broad"
  - (i) the gate: our first birth
  - (ii) the way: the world's idea of life
  - (iii) the destination: "destruction" = hell-fire
- 2) Explained in this way:
  - (i) natural birth: the consequences
  - (ii) worldly wisdom: "God is merciful – "I need not be too strict" – "I go to church" – "I live a respectable life" – "I may not profess Christ but I may do some day"  
**APPLICATION**: Have you any warrant from scripture for this kind of thinking?

**2. CHRIST DESCRIBES THE WAY OF SALVATION**

- 1) v.14: "strait...narrow":
  - (i) the gate: the second birth: John 3
  - (ii) the way: taking up the cross
  - (iii) the end: life eternal
- 2) Explained in this way:
  - (i) new birth: why needed – what it is...
  - (ii) heavenly wisdom: to go exactly by the Word of God: believe / profess
- 3) Note:
  - (i) few find it

(ii) most are deceived

- 4) It is a narrow way:
  - (i) The world will be critical of you
  - (ii) You will have the devil to discourage you
  - (iii) You must give yourself wholly to God
  - (iv) You must seek grace to persevere to the end
- 5) **ILLUSTRATION**:
  - (i) Lot's wife – almost safe
  - (ii) Saul – honoured, but foolish
  - (iii) Demas – loved this world
  - (iv) Judas – sold his Master!
  - (v) Esau – sold his birthright  
**APPLICATION**: What a lot of tragic failures!

**3. CHRIST URGES US ALL TO ENTER HIS WAY**

- 1) "Enter ye in...strait gate":
  - (i) no room to take your sins with you  
**ILLUSTRATION**: a turn-stile
  - (ii) no room for false gospels, etc.
- 2) Reasons why you should be urgent:
  - (i) It is God who is commanding you
  - (ii) It is your soul that is at stake
  - (iii) Heaven + hell are the issues
  - (iv) Our life is short – no time to lose
- 3) **ILLUSTRATION**: A forest fire – and earthquake – a ship-wreck – a fatal crash – the gate of heaven closing.

**CONCLUSION**

1. Christ speaks in love
2. He knows it is real
3. O ENTER, dear friends.

**PSALM****95: 1 – 6****118: 19 – 26****95:7 - 11**