



Weird Way to Save the World

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Introduction:

- Follow the ~~yellow brick~~ narrow road
- Normal spirituality can be empty

Enter God's kingdom through the narrow gate. The gate is large and the road is wide that lead to death and hell. Many people go that way. But the gate is small and the road is narrow that lead to life. Only a few people find it.

Matthew 7:13-14 NIRV

Two Ways to View God

1. Normal way: _____ - human attempt to

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The Lord says, "These people come to honor me with words, but I am not really important to them. The worship they give me is nothing but human rules they have memorized.

Isaiah 29:13 ERV

For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

Matthew 23:25-26 NLT

2. Weird Way: _____ - connecting with God _____

Even if I am able to trust in myself, still I don't do it. If anyone else thinks they have a reason to trust in themselves, they should know that I have a greater reason for doing so. I was circumcised on the eighth day after my birth. I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a true Jew, and so were my parents. The law was very important to me. That is why I became a Pharisee. I was so eager to defend my religion that I persecuted the church. And no one could find fault with the way I obeyed the Law of Moses. At one time all these things were important to me. But because of Christ, I decided that they are worth nothing. Not only these things, but now I think that all things are worth nothing compared with the greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of Christ, I lost all these things, and now I know that they are all worthless trash. All I want now is Christ. I want to belong to him. In Christ I am right with God, but my being right does not come from following the law. It comes from God through faith. God uses my faith in Christ to make me right with him.

Philippians 3:4-9 ERV

Next Steps:

- I want to be in a relationship with God. I make a step of faith and put my life & trust in Jesus.
- I struggle to please God through religious works and need God's help to be free
- I commit to improve my relationship with God by: _____
- Memorize series verses: Matthew 7:13-14
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