

The Narrow Way

THE NARROW WAY PART 14 - THE GREAT REWARD

We touched on The Great Reward in Part 13, but in this final session of The Narrow Way, I would like to unpack further all that is at stake regarding the lives we are called to live.

Revelation 22:12-13 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Yes, that's correct. When Jesus returns, He will bring a reward for all those who lived a faithful and obedient life unto Him and His will. We must understand that the gift of salvation is separate from and different to the reward of inheritance.

Paul talks about receiving the prize for the upward call in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

He also teaches us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Our salvation being the transformation of our lives, so that we are able to walk in the manner of righteousness.

Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Working out our salvation cannot be achieved or accomplished through our own strength or flesh fueled ways of self-help and learning. The only way is in and through God just as Paul goes on to say in the very next verse.

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.



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As God Himself goes to work in us, the work of transforming us, for His good pleasure, we become fully capable and able to live lives of righteousness by faith, which is the life we were all called and chosen for.

The reward for living a life of righteousness unto Christ, is fourfold.

1. We get to receive the fullness of an eternal life now while we are here on earth.

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

2. We get to become the wife of Christ and be part of the wedding feast and celebration.

Revelation 19:7-9 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

Revelation 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

3. We get to be part of the first resurrection where we will rule and reign with Christ in the thousand year reign on earth.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

4. We spend our eternity in the new heaven and the new earth in the most intimate setting to the Lord.



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Revelation 22:3-4 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

These four elements of the reward of inheritance are not automatically received simply because we declare we believe in Jesus dying on a cross for our sin and iniquity. If we are to partake of this kingdom inheritance, we must live the kind of life on earth that the scriptures describe as 'wisdom'.

It is the role of the Holy Spirit through our seeking and searching with all of our heart, to reveal the Word of God in us, which creates the manifestation of life within us that innately empowers us to demonstrate this Christlike life for His sake.

Now that we have thoroughly discussed and unpacked The Narrow Way we are left with a few questions.

1. Have we entered into, and are we living from, this narrow way that produces the kind of life in Christ we have described?
2. If we are not yet living from this narrow way, what do you sense the Father is asking of you?
3. If you are living from this narrow way, what do you see is the next part for you on this narrow way journey?

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