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Two Opposing Ways to Live

Matthew 7:13-27

- Jesus has now concluded his exposition of *the law and the prophets*. He has explained God's true intent in the Law and what the Law is to accomplish in the lives of his followers.

Luke 24:44

- Jesus fulfilled God's intent in the creation of man (**Gen. 1:26-28**), showing that He alone was the image of the invisible God (**John 14:9; Col. 1:15; 2 Cor. 4:4**).
 - In His perfect sinless obedience, Jesus imaged the character of God (**Gen. 2:15**).
 - In His ministry, Jesus imaged the rule of the Father over His creation (**Gen. 1:28**).
 - In His sacrificial death, Jesus imaged the mercy and grace of God (**Gen. 3:15, 21**).

Two Gates (v. 13-14)

- Jesus is the gate into the Father's presence (**John 10:7**).

John 14:6 *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me...*

- This teaching is offensive to the world.

Two Types of Fruit (v. 15-23)

- Jesus might have in mind “...oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord” (**Is. 61:3**).

Phil. 1:11; Gal. 5:22-23

Two Confessions (v. 21-23)

- Obedience is the only fruit that proves that our confession of Christ is the result of having entered eternal life by the narrow Gate.
- Genuine faith in Christ is *never* alone. It is *always* accompanied in obedience.

Rom 1:5 ...[he had] received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of [Jesus'] Name...

James 2:17, 26 ...faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead...faith apart from works is dead...

1 John 2:6 Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did

Two Foundations (v. 24-27)

- The person who does the will of the Father is the person who is building his eternal house upon the Rock rather than another foundation.

- The Rock is Christ.

Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:8; 1 Cor. 10:4; Matt. 16:18

1 Cor 3:11 *For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ...*