

Making Sure to Make it to Glory
Matthew 7:13-23; 16:18-28

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Introduction: the most horrible surprise that we can (or can't, even) imagine (7:21-23). How can we avoid it?

1. Three things to watch against

- a. A priority upon popularity (7:13-14)
- b. A priority upon present pleasure (7:13-14)
- c. False teachers who prioritize our praise (7:15-23)

2. Two equally essential checkpoints

- a. The narrow gate: Christ's righteousness alone; Christ's sacrifice alone (7:13-14, 23; 14:1-6)
- b. The difficult way: imitating Christ's self-sacrifice (7:13-14; 16:18-27)
 - i. Against a self-pleasing approach to life (16:23-24)
 - ii. Against the snare of the devil (16:23, 25-26)
 - iii. Because Jesus is worth it (16:24-25, 27-28)
 - iv. Because your soul is worth it (16:25-26)
 - v. Because Jesus loves to reward it (16:27)

Conclusion: Christ's incomparable glory that awaits us, 16:28