

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

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PART 20: THE GOLDEN RULE

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The Golden Rule is often quoted by unbelievers and it is particularly popular with people involved in Freemasonry or other similar organizations. The problem is that the Golden Rule does not save a person, only repentance and faith in Jesus brings salvation.

It is a spiritual law to treat people in the way you want to be treated in return. **Matthew 7:12**

THE STRAIT GATE

There was a fortified wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. There were a number of gates which provided access to and from the city. On the eastern side facing the Mount of Olives was a small gate known as the Mercy gate and the Golden Gate. It was also known as “the strait (narrow) gate.”

Since the sermon on the mount was preached early in the ministry of Jesus, He had not yet introduced the concept that He would die on the cross, nor did He inform them that He was the Messiah.

Everyone listening to the God-man knew about the Mercy Gate and He told the people that the road to heaven was not easy to find since it led through a narrow gate of mercy. The apostle Paul would later reveal that a person could be saved through grace since Jesus paid for the sins of the human race on the cross. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

The road to destruction is broad and easy to traverse. **Matthew 7:13-14**

FALSE PROPHETS

As the Son of God, Jesus knew there would be thousands of false prophets in the future that would offer a false salvation. At this time period, Lucifer did not know how the salvation plan for mankind was arranged. **1 Corinthians 2:6-8**

Jesus knew that Satan would raise up one false prophet after another who would do great damage to the future church. He wanted to ensure that the people understood the gravity of what He was saying. **Matthew 7:15-20**

Just a few days before Jesus was crucified, He sounded the warning again about false prophets. **Matthew 24:24-25**

The apostle Paul issued the following warnings:

- ❖ False prophets and dishonest Gospel workers. **2 Corinthians 11:13-15**
- ❖ Being deceived through philosophy. **Colossians 2:8**
- ❖ Christians should understand there will be influence from Satan in the churches. **1 Timothy 4:1-3**



The apostle Peter also warned about false teachers. **2 Peter 1:1-3**

The apostle John echoed the same warning. **1 John 4:1-3**

John went so far as to tell Christians not to welcome people with false doctrine into their homes. **2 John 10-11**

WORLD RELIGIONS

Religion is a defined set of beliefs that relate to god(s), providing purpose and involves moral principles and rituals. As of 2023, there are some 7.9 billion people alive on the earth. The following religions boast the following numbers:

- ❖ 2,000,000,000 Muslims
- ❖ 400,000,000 Buddhists
- ❖ 1,200,000,000 Hindus
- ❖ 1,300,000,000 Roman Catholics
- ❖ 17,000,000 Mormons
- ❖ 8,700,000 Jehovah's Witnesses
- ❖ 3,000,000,000 born again believers in Christ
- ❖ 16,000,000 Jews

Mohammed, Buddha, Joseph Smith and others served Lucifer as false prophets. These men have been in hell since they died and their pernicious doctrines blinded the eyes of the unsaved, ensuring that billions of people never heard about Jesus. Hell is overflowing with mislead people who were denied the Gospel!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?