



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

One Way

In a neighboring town, there is this very short one-way road. It is so short that most people are on it for under 10 seconds. It is called Slant Alley. It literally ends at a graveyard. At the end of this alley, there are two one-way signs. One points to the left and the other to the right. You must decide a direction. You cannot undo your choice. Most who come to that sign had previously made their decision based on prior knowledge.

This alley reminds me of life. It is so short and ends at a dead end. But then it continues to “the right into” heaven or to the “left out” of heaven, to a place called hell. The direction was based on a person’s previously made decision and cannot be undone. Luke 16:19-31 But for many, their incorrect decision was made on false beliefs or rejecting the truth.

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Prov. 14:12 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matt 7:13-14



Many believe that goods works will get them into heaven. But the Bible states: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Eph 2:8-9 Wrong way.

Some believe repeating a prayer or words will get them into heaven. Nowhere in the Bible are listed the magic words for salvation. It is wrong to tell someone that they are saved because they repeated the sinner’s prayer or not saved because they said the incorrect words. Wrong way.


Some believe getting baptized will get them into heaven. None of the disciples baptisms can be found in the Bible. The thief on the cross was not baptized. Baptism is only the outward confession of an inward possession. Wrong way.

Some believe that labeling themselves as Christian, Christ Follower, or Believer will get them into heaven. “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Matt 7:22-23 “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.” James 2:19

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3 “This means more than giving mental assent to the fact that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world. It means that one turns from sin and with their whole heart trusts in Christ as personal Savior and Lord.”¹ You must choose before the Dead End.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Charles L Stambaugh Mt Wolf, PA</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Faith= Forsaking All I Take Him</p>	
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¹billygraham.org/answer/what-does-it-mean-to-be-born-again/

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