

A Tale of Two Roads

Psalm 73; Matthew 7:13-14

Have you ever been _____ and not known it?

What _____ you do?

Asaph's Puzzle: Psalm 73:12-14

The normal path:

God's path:

Following God's path can seem harder to _____ and has many

The normal path includes people who are _____, have an _____ time, and are more _____

Asaph's realization: Psalm 73:17, 19, 23-24

When you see the rest of the path, the difference is _____!

_____ from God

D_____, D_____, D_____

_____ to God

L____, L____, J_____

Jesus' story of two roads: Matthew 7:13-14

One road is _____:

The other road is _____:

Who walks the narrow road: John 14:21

Those who are...

G____, T____, and L_____

Who walks the wide road: Isaiah 59:1-3

Those who are...

Pretty g____, pretty t____, pretty l_____

= s____, = s_____

The solution

2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 6:14

Whenever we celebrate Lord's Supper,

we "proclaim the _____ until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Whenever we celebrate Lord's Supper, we proclaim...

the amazing _____ of the love of God for broken people

Jesus' _____ over sin and death

that the greatest possible power (God) is for us, so _____ and

_____ else can block His love

The Big Idea:

The death of Jesus Christ

is the only _____ for eternal life with God

Colossians 1:21-23

Becoming a Christian is...

Admitting that my partial _____, _____, and _____ will never be enough to bring me _____ to God

Accepting the _____ of Jesus Christ in my place as the only path for coming near to God and receiving eternal life

Application

Put your _____ in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Only the _____ of Jesus Christ can bring me to God

Since God has sacrificed His Son to rescue you, there is no price too high for Him to demonstrate His _____ for you

This love is _____! It is not merely an idea or a hope or words, but a _____ in the person of Jesus Christ

Keep _____ the death of Jesus Christ as our hope

To _____: no more pride or judgment or fear of separation from God

Like Asaph, we may live on the narrow road of the cross, yet have hearts filled with _____, _____, and (self) _____

To _____ around us: we live in a sick and dying world, yet we have been _____ and _____ by the source of all life!

Reflection

- Since the cross is naturally a symbol of torture and death for guilty people, why does Paul say that it is His boast? (see Galatians 6:14)
- Once you have taken the narrow road of the cross of Jesus Christ and His death for you, there is no more place for pride, fear, and (self) judgment. What draws you back into the place of pride, fear, and (self) judgment?
- When you are back in the place of pride, fear, and (self) judgment, what helps you see clearly again the amazing love of God for us expressed in the death of Jesus Christ?