



TOPIC: THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY!
TEXT: 1 Corinthians 12:31

...and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Pilgrim, there is a more excellent way! The word declares that Jesus is **the way**, the truth and the life (John 14:6). Jesus is the **only** way to God (John 14:6). Money cannot take you to heaven, fame cannot take you to heaven, even religion cannot take you to heaven, nothing and no one else BUT Jesus can (Halleluyah!). No one can give you peace like Jesus (He is the Prince of peace); no one can give you love and joy like Jesus. If you are lost, you need Him. He is the **only** way to your eternal freedom. If you are dead in sin, He will give you life. Sin is not the way to joy for the bible says that the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life **through** Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23). The pleasures of sin only last but for a moment and thereafter, eternal regrets follow.

We are strangers and pilgrims on earth (1 Peter 2:11, Psalm 119:19). As strangers, we do not know which way to go because there are two ways to walk through: **the broad way** and **the narrow way** (Matthew 7:13 & 14).

- Matthew 7:13 & 14 –

(13) 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:

(14) because strait is the gate, and **narrow** is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

The broad way is a more desirable way to walk because it is more pleasurable **but** the broad way is described in Proverbs 14:12 and Proverbs 16:25 as the way that seems right but leads to destruction while the narrow way is described in 1 Corinthians 12:31 as the more excellent way, and the more excellent way is **Jesus** (John 14:6).

- Proverbs 14:12 –

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

We all as human beings love iniquity by nature because since the fall of Adam, sin was “injected” into the blood of man. However, the awesome sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary two thousand years ago aborted every trace of darkness from our nature as human beings (Romans 5:12-19). But God will never force us into doing anything. He allows us to make our choice in everything. He has given us a map (the bible) to point us to the way (Jesus). It is left for us to choose the **way** we want to walk in – either the more excellent way in Christ or the way that seems right and pleasurable but ends in destruction.

Joshua 24:15 declares “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, **choose** you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”.





Deuteronomy 30:19 declares “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose** life, that both thou and thy seed may live”.

How the Lord suffered for you and I:

Isaiah 55:4-12 declares “**Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

(5) **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him;** and with his stripes we are healed.

(6) **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

(7) **He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,** and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

(8) He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? **for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

(9) **And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.**

(10) **Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin,** he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

(11) **He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.**

(12) Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; **because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

The love of God was demonstrated on the cross for you and I. After such a sacrifice made by the King of kings, if you decide to ignore Him in your life here on earth, you will regrettably face His judgement throughout the endless ages of eternity.

- Jude verse 7 –

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

God is love and He displayed His love for humanity by leaving His glory in Heaven and taking upon Himself the form of a man to die on a cross in order take away the sins of the world (Philippians 2:5-8). **He loves us so much that He died for us and He wants us to love Him so much to live for Him!** (Is He not worthy to be praised?).

Once again I declare unto you that **there is a more excellent way.** That way is Jesus. Sin is wickedness and evil; it seems right but it ends in destruction (Proverbs 16:25). **What shall a man give in exchange for His soul (Mark 8:37)?** You cannot prosper in wickedness. No one can harden himself against the Most High God and prosper (Proverbs 29:1). God is love (1 John 4:8) yet He is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). If we reject his way, He will deal with us





accordingly (Ezekiel 18:4, Jude verse 7) at the appointed time (Romans 2:16). For it is appointed unto man once to die, but after that the judgement (Hebrews 9:27).

I challenge you to put away the former pattern of sin, withdraw from the way of darkness and walk in the way of light.

- James 4:7-10 –

(7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

(9) Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

(10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

- Isaiah 55:6 &7 –

(6) Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

(7) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- Matthew 11:28-30 –

(28) **Come** unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: **and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

(30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

It is that simple. All you need to do is to come unto Him and you will find rest for your soul. He cannot force you so He says come. The enemy is fighting hard for your soul to destroy it.

- Isaiah 5:14 –

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Harden not your heart but come. Do not fall prey to the deceit of the devil. Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart today. The King of kings wants to reason with you.

- Isaiah 1:18-20 –

(18) **Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:** though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

(19) If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

(20) But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Walk in the more excellent way by coming to Jesus. **Accept** that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23), **believe** that the Lord Jesus can set you free from sin (John 3:16), repent of your sins by **confessing** them and turning away completely from them (1 John 1:9). Once you have done all





that genuinely, you are now born again; Jesus will come inside your heart, make you new (1 Corinthians 5:17) and give you the power to live above sin (John 1:12). All you have to do is to develop an intimate walk with Him. Get yourself a bible and read it daily so God can speak to you everyday (Joshua 1:8); join a bible believing church so you can fellowship with other believers and grow spiritually (Hebrews 3:13); and pray always (Luke 18:1).

1 Corinthians 12:31 (Bible Text)

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

