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Grace Community Church of Topsail

August 16, 2026: Two Ways. Two Destinations. Matthew 7:13-14

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♫ **Agnus Dei**

Romans 15:1–6 ESV

> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of…

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Kingdom Culture
HOW HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH
Sermon on the Mount Series

- Today's Sermon -
Two Ways
Two Destinations
Matthew 7:13-14

Matthew 7:13–14 KJV1900

> 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…

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In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He has given us the character of this Kingdom which He is forming.

This is how you are to live so that you manifest His kingdom on this earth.

Jesus now says, "what are you going to do about it?"

Every moment in this life confronts us with an unavoidable choice: narrow or wide road?

Every moment in this life confronts us with an unavoidable choice: narrow or wide Way?

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There are only Two Gates to choose from in this Life

One Gate is Wide

One Gate is Narrow

John 10:9 KJV1900

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”

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John 14:6 KJV1900

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

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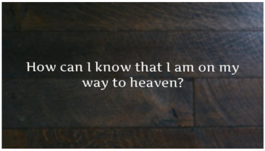
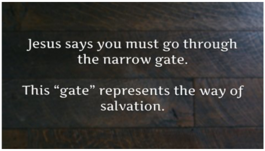
How can I become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven?

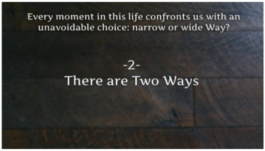


How can I know that I am on my way to heaven?



Jesus says you must go through the narrow gate.

This “gate” represents the way of salvation.



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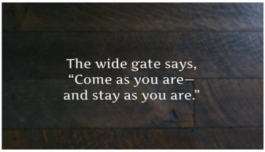
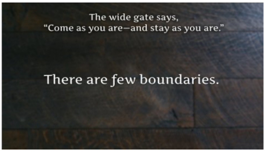
There are Two Ways

There is an Easy Way, a Wide Gate



The wide gate says,
“Come as you are—
and stay as you are.”



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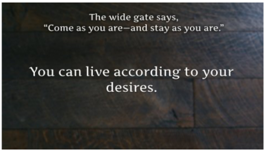
There are few boundaries.



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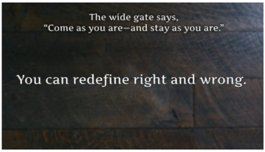
You can live according to your desires.



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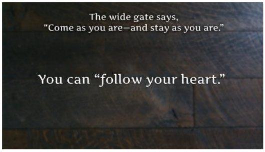
You can redefine right and wrong.



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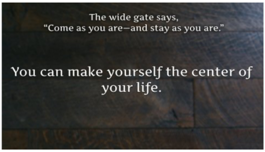
You can “follow your heart.”



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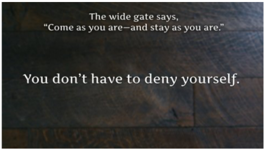
You can make yourself the center of your life.



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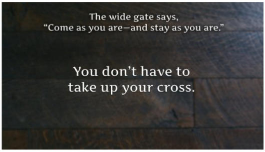
You don’t have to deny yourself.



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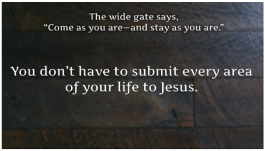
You don’t have to
take up your cross.



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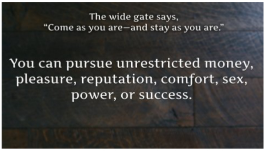
You don’t have to submit every area
of your life to Jesus.



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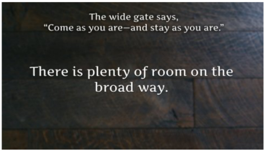
You can pursue unrestricted money,
pleasure, reputation, comfort, sex,
power, or success.



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There is plenty of room on the
broad way.

Proverbs 14:12 KJV1900

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

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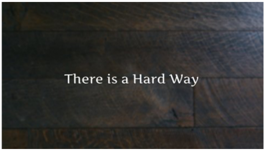
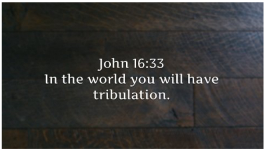
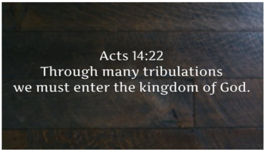


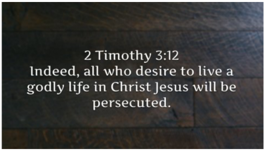
There is a Hard Way



John 16:33
In the world you will have
tribulation.



Acts 14:22
Through many tribulations
we must enter the kingdom of God.



2 Timothy 3:12
Indeed, all who desire to live a
godly life in Christ Jesus will be
persecuted.

Matthew 16:24 KJV1900

> Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

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Did your profession of faith in
Christ cost you anything?

Matthew 11:29 KJV1900

> 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.

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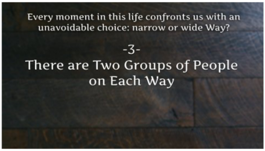

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There are Two Groups of People on Each Way

There are Many People on the Road/Way to Destruction .

Matthew 7:21–23 KJV1900

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have...

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Spiritual gifts reveal what a person can do.

Spiritual fruit reveals who a person is becoming.

John 17:3 KJV1900

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

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Psalm 1:1–3 KJV1900

Blessed is the man
 That walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
 Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
 Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
 But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
 And in his law doth he...

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There Are Few People
on the Road/Way of Life

Matthew 13:44–46 KJV1900

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man,...

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There Are Two Destinations

Easy Way Leads to Destruction

Matthew 25:46 KJV1900

> And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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Galatians 6:7–8 KJV1900

> Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

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Hard Way Leads to Life

John 17:3 KJV1900

> And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

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Two Destinations

Matthew 7:13-14

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERIES

♫ **I Need Thee Every Hour (I Need Thee)**

♫ **Take My Life**

Baptism Sunday!

John 10:10 KJV1900

> The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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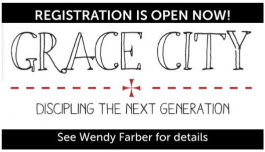

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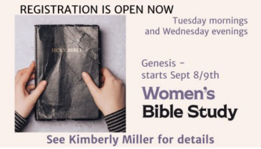
GRACE CITY

DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Wendy Farber for details



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Tuesday mornings
and Wednesday evenings

Genesis -
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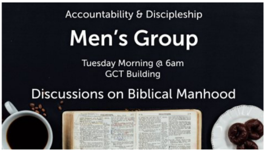
Women's Bible Study

See Kimberly Miller for details

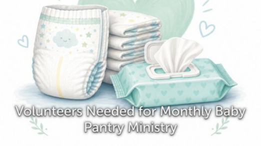


Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
GCT Building

Discussions on Biblical Manhood



Volunteers Needed for Monthly Baby Pantry Ministry

GRACE GROUPS

Ready to Grow in GRACE Together? Contact any of our Grace Group Leaders for More Information

Porters Neck Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

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Stephen & Celeste Anderson
910-508-7208

Castle Hayne Grace Group
1st Sunday at 5pm & 3rd Friday at 6.30pm

Bobby & Wendy Rosinbaum
910-602-0121

Rob & Harriet Sullivan
919-917-5988

Washington Acres Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Ben & Ashlyn Regier
910-431-5646

Warren & Miriam Rich
910-622-1711

Country Club Drive Grace Group
6pm Every Friday

Tom & Kimberly Miller
920-737-6445

THE CITADEL
Max & Melissa Luke
910-619-0168

South Belvedere Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Friday

Jim & Deborah Farmer
910-470-0424

Evan & Micaela Head
910-547-1999

North Belvedere Grace Group
5pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Bob & Necey Highet
910-785-1247

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Holly Ridge/Sneads Ferry Grace Group
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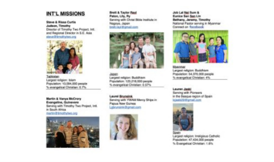

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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Japan
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

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National Pastor serving in Myanmar
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Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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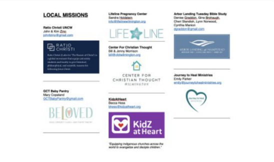
Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%

Missionaries that GCT Supports



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Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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