



**MARCH 29, 2026** | Dr. Jimmy Stewart

## **Jesus Changes Everything** *Perishing → Salvation*

**Scripture:** John 3:16–17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7–10; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16

**Spotlight:** Without Christ we perish; with Christ we are saved.

**Summary:** Apart from Christ, people are not merely confused or incomplete—they are perishing. Jesus taught that the road to destruction is broad and heavily traveled, while the road to life is narrow and rejected by many. Yet the heart of God is not cruelty but mercy. He is patient, calling sinners to repent before it is too late. That is why He sent His Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but to save it. Salvation is not found in religion, morality, sincerity, or human effort. It is found in Jesus Christ alone. The gospel is the power of God to save, and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Today is the day to leave the broad road, come to Christ, and receive everlasting life.

### **I. Perishing is the Default Path!**

#### **Matthew 7:13**

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way.

*The gate is wide, and the way broad, and there are many travelers in that way. First, "You will have abundance of liberty in that way; the gate is wide, and stands wide open to tempt those that go right on their way. It gives no check to your appetites, to your passions. It is a broad way, for there is nothing to hedge in those that walk in it, but*

they wander endlessly; a *broad way*, for there are many paths in it; there is choice of sinful ways, contrary to each other, but all paths in this *broad way*. *Secondly*, "You will have abundance of company in that way: *many there be that go in* at this gate, and walk in this way." If we *follow the multitude*, it will be *to do evil*: if we go with the crowd, it will be the wrong way.

**Matthew Henry**

*It must be a fearful thing to be punished for sin when you remember the atonement.*

**Charles Spurgeon**

### **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**

7 Jesus will come with his mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

## **II. Salvation is Found in Jesus!**

### **Matthew 7:14**

But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

### **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes - the Jew first and also the Gentile.

## **III. God is Patient but the Time is Now!**

### **2 Peter 3:9**

9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed (to perish), but wants everyone to repent.

### **2 Corinthians 6:1-2**

1 As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. 2 For God says, "At just the right

time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

God Doesn't Want You to Perish and Neither Do We!

*It is the highest benevolence to warn men of their danger, and to exhort them to escape from the wrath which will surely come upon them, for "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

**Charles Spurgeon**

## **IV. Jesus Came to Save You!**

### **John 3:16-17**

16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

### **Acts 4:12**

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

### **Acts 2:21**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

I heard Billy Graham say, "I never met the person who surrendered to Jesus and did not find what they were missing."

### **Next Steps:**

Today is the day of salvation—respond without delay.

## Life Application:

1. Which road best reflects the direction of your life right now—the broad road of self-rule or the narrow way of surrender to Jesus? Are you heading to destruction and perishing or salvation and life?
2. Have you mistaken being religious, moral, or connected to a church for actually being saved by grace through faith in Christ?
3. What evidence in your life suggests that you are truly following Jesus rather than simply going along with the crowd?
4. How does the reality of eternal perishing change the way you think about sin, repentance, and your need for salvation today?
5. In what ways have you been presuming on God's patience instead of responding to His call to repent now?
6. Do you genuinely believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation, and if so, how is that shaping your prayers, witness, and urgency for others?
7. Who in your life is currently on the broad road, and what is one clear, loving step you can take this week to point them to Christ? Pray. Invite. Share.
8. What is keeping you from responding fully to Jesus today—fear, pride, delay, confusion, or love for the world? Why not surrender to Jesus today? Salvation is available.