

**A Common Theological Mistake  
(Not everyone goes to Heaven)  
Outline – April 16, 2023**

**I. The Problem of Universalism**

- A. That all people go to heaven (Erroneous teaching leads to problems)
- B. There is no authoritative standard
- C. The code for many is create your own way...do what you think

**II. What Did Jesus Say**

- A. Enter through the narrow gate
  - 1. Narrow gate leads to life
  - 2. Few find it
- B. Broad road leads to destruction
  - 1. Many go on the road
- C. His warning is sobering

**III. Five types of people on the Broad Road**

- A. The Self-Righteous (The Characteristics)
  - 1. Can't receive correction
  - 2. Do not recognize Messiah and His Word as final authority
  - 3. Fault finding is their gift
  - 4. Seek to control others
  - 5. Pride permeates their soul
  - 6. Prayer is more a performance
  - 7. "I" is the focus of all things
- B. Substitute Seekers
  - 1. Not willing to turn to Jesus for life
- C. Self-Deceived
  - 1. Create their own theology
- D. Spiritually resistant
- E. Sarcastic toward the sacred

**IV. The Counsel and Comparison Jesus gave for eternal life**

- A. Faith of a child
  - 1. Trust
  - 2. Asks questions
  - 3. Wonder/awe/imagination
  - 4. Love/attachment
  - 5. Simple
- B. Beware of cynicism
- C. Beware of bitterness

**V. What is the New Heaven and New Earth going to look/be like?**

- A. We are wired for physical touch, connection, celebration, achievement, Earth
- B. Heaven is a Kingdom
  - 1. Jesus – the Perfect King

2. Daniel 7 and 2 Samuel 7 point to this
  3. Work to do and Wisdom to gain in the Kingdom
- C. Heaven is a city
1. Opportunity
  2. People together
  3. Sports, art, entertainment
  4. Open, joyful
  5. No problems
  6. Dining, festivals
  7. Holy Days of joy
- D. Heaven is a home
1. A place
  2. A people enjoying life together
  3. Your home
  4. Settled for eternity
  5. With the Lord
- E. Heaven is a garden
1. We love parks
  2. We love golf courses
  3. Flowers
  4. Manicured pristine areas
  5. Beaches, resorts
  6. Rivers
- F. Heaven is a celebration
1. Cheering, joy
  2. Homecoming joy
  3. Like a wedding reception
  4. {Remember when we could not gather together, fellowship, worship together, no sporting events, no family events, depression took over}
  5. Jesus provide richly for a wedding reception (John 2)
  6. Jesus compared the Kingdom to wedding reception (Matthew 22)
- G. We are wired to celebrate
1. Wired to enjoy good food
  2. Wired to love and be loved
  3. Wired to laugh with joy
  4. Wired to enjoy beauty

## **VI. As Believers we have an Amazing future**

- A. Perfect Heaven/Earth
- B. Plenty to do (and achieve)
- C. Celebration never ends

**It Requires Faith in Jesus  
Faith of A Child  
That's What Jesus Taught**