

Children's Bible Class

She studied hard in her Bible, and drew a lesson of truth,
She modified the language to the understanding of youth.

She cut and colored handouts. She made an activity sheet.
She spent hours at the building making the classroom fit to meet.

She sent letters to the parents, charging fathers and mothers.
She expected the members' kids and hoped to have some others.

She got to the building early; Her classroom looking cheerful.
But as the moments pass, her heart and eyes grew tearful.

No child came to Bible class. Her lesson was not shared.
Weeks of work were wasted, and no one really cared.

Maybe the parents slept in, Or went to a kid's ballgame,
The reason does not matter: The results are always the same.

The teacher was discouraged. Should she try again?
Will the next class have students? Don't parents see the end?

The children pay the price, and learn what parents teach.
"God is in our background, It's for the world we reach."

The children became adults. The church they soon despised.
They never obeyed the Gospel, and parents act surprised.

"Wake up" all you parents, get your kids to Bible class,
Or you won't like their future, and you can't change their past.

(It is hard for teachers to prepare and stay excited when they never know if they will have students. We have children. Some churches don't. But ours are frequently not in class. In time I fear there may be no teacher or class for them) Ron Roberts

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Assemblies

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Announcements

The business meeting and ladies' class will meet today at 3:45.

Glenda should be back this week.

Laura Howard would appreciate your visits. She really misses being able to attend worship services.

The Wednesday evening adult class will begin studying in Romans after we complete our questions from Matthew 7 in a few weeks.

We appreciate JC and Jerry going forward on Sunday. They were both concerned with the impression they made on others who entered the building before Bible class. They felt their discussion was not conducted in the best place and in the best way. It is important for all of us to be as concerned as they are about our influence on others. We thank these leaders in the church for their attitude.

**Beware of the
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on the church**

No One Is Dragged Into Heaven

Ron Roberts

Jesus taught us that there is a broad way that leads to destruction and many are traveling on it (Matt. 7:13). Despite this warning the majority of people believe they are going to Heaven. They believe only the extremely wicked people will be lost. The terrorist, serial killer, and vicious dictator are going to Hell, but not most people. This is not what Jesus said. The way leading to life is traveled by few (Matt. 7:14).

On the broad way you will find the extremely **wicked** by man's definition. But you will also find the **dishonest** person. All liars will go to the second death (Rev. 21:8). You will find the individual who is too busy with his **car**nal pursuits to invest any time in spiritual matters. Notice the activities of the world in Noah's day and the people of Sodom in Luke 17:26-29. They ate, drank, married, bought, sold, planted, and built. We know they were sinful, but Jesus chooses to emphasize their lack of spiritual interest as the reason for their destruction. They were caught off guard, not believing in God and His judgment.

The broad way will also consist of those who are **religiously wrong**. Matt. 7:21-23 depicts individuals who call Jesus Lord and do activities consistent with religion. But Jesus said He never knew them. They did not submit to His authority and thus went the way of destruction. The broad way is crowded with **Christians who left** the church. It also contains Christians who are **lukewarm** in their approach to God. There will be a multitude of **hypocrites** on the broad way as well. Many travel the road to destruction.

It is curious how people who want to be separated from God in this life expect to be united with Him in eternity! They hate the church. They never pray. They reject the Bible's teachings. They live sinfully and laugh at the idea of any consequences. They only use God's name in profanity. They cheat, lie, steal, and are unfaithful in business and marriage. And yet, they are sure they are going to Heaven.

Few are going to Heaven because God will not drag anyone in that does not want to go. We display our desire for Heaven by the way we live our lives on earth. We do not just call Jesus Lord, but we submit to His will because He is our Lord. We obey the Gospel.

2 Thes. 1:8-9 tells us of God's actions toward the majority of men. *In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;*

Most people do not believe this passage. They like verses that talk about God's mercy, forgiveness, and love. They do not want to hear of God's justice, vengeance, and wrath. He is described as *a consuming fire* in Heb. 12:29. Romans 11:20 mentions *the goodness and severity of God*. In 2 Cor. 5:11 Paul writes, *"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."*

God will not be merciful to those who slap away His hand as He offers grace. He will not overlook those who reject His Son and His word. **He will not force anyone to go to Heaven who has dedicated his life to the goal of Hell.**

Romans 1:20-32 tells us of the rejection of God by the Gentiles. They were without excuse because God can be observed by creation (20). But they did not wish to thank God or glorify Him (21). Thus they imagined their own gods and then devised sinful ways to worship them. This included homosexuality (24, 26-27).

Three times in this chapter we read that God gave up on these sinful people. Verse 24 says, *"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness..."*. Verse 26 says, *"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections:..."*. Verse 28 says, *"...God gave them over to a reprobate mind..."*. What these verses are telling us is that God is going to let us make our own choices. He will give up on us and allow us to poison ourselves. He will not drag anyone to Heaven against their will.