

## MATTHEW 7:14 EXPLAINED

The difficulty to the Way of eternal life can be discerned as we first think of the great cost to Jesus in purchasing the Way to eternal life. The difficulty can be discerned as we think of the great cost to the Holy Spirit as He convicts the human heart with the purpose and desire of bringing a person to saving faith. The difficulty can be discerned as we think of the great cost to believers as they lay down the very control of their life to the Spirit and even to martyrdom. The difficulty can also be discerned by the fact that God uses fallible believers to deliver the Gospel to the world.

The Way being simple does not negate its narrowness or its difficulties. Another difficulty is that Satan desires to snatch away conviction by the allure of worldly pleasure.

Narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. King James Version

Difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. New King James Version

It is true that the Way is simple because God has done everything possible to make it so. The simple act is to put our full trust in Jesus to take away our sin and make us righteous so that we can enter into His presence. Due to this act of trust in cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction, the believer is made a new creation “in Christ.” By putting ourselves under His control we progressively are being made into His image.

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:13,14 New King James Version

Jesus said unto His disciples, if any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24

Many are called, but few chosen. Matthew 22:14

Many hear the Gospel, but few lay aside their stubborn willfulness, believe in Jesus, and are born again. Only those born anew “in Christ” are chosen to eternal life, sanctification, and glorification. Those “in Christ” are chosen and elected to be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Ephesians 1:4

Mark 10:24 How hard it is to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. New Living Translation