

# The Narrow Gate Update

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*“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matt. 7:13-14)*

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## **DON'T ROMANTICIZE THE WORD!**

Treating the Bible as a holy object because it is understood to be the inerrant Word of the Living God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is one thing; however, treating the Bible as an object of worship in a physical dimension is ludicrous. It is exactly the opposite of what God demands and commands. Having romantic feelings toward God is not biblical. Obedience to Him through His Word, on the other hand, is the order of the day.

Romanticism, or being romantic, comes from the term *roman*, which in French means novel. In other words, it is pure fiction. This is also the case when someone is said to be romantically involved. This relationship is mainly superficial and 99 percent of the time centers only on personal pleasure derived from the pseudo-relationship.

With a true loving relationship, everybody gains. With a romantic relationship, only the self-gains. True, in the case of two lovers, both might gain something simultaneously, but whatever is gained is not really mutual in the way biblical relationships are supposed to be.

Only when there is also a desire to be selfless with respect to the other person or persons can there be a true biblically sound family relationship. Almost all worldly relationships are of the selfish nature, and thus individuals seek to get what they can from any such carousing. The concept of selflessness is absent from the world's definition of love altogether. The pseudo-love that is claimed is, of course, mainly self-serving for many.

Commitment is the big one to avoid, if you follow what is taught through the entertainment industry. “Don't tie yourself down” is the slogan of those who want to play the field. Why buy the cow, when one can get the milk for free? Even lost humanity knows about the right and wrong of it all; they just choose not to go that way. They decide that it's OK because seemingly everyone, because of media bias, is doing it so what's the big deal?

One of the main weapons of attack which Satan and his minions engage in is the perversion of society by the perversion of the very bodies that house our spirits and souls. Since it is through the flesh that we're all the most vulnerable, that's the area which any enemy would naturally aim for. The Gender Agenda is nearing its peak. Ideas are introduced via the world-controlled media outlets and are pondered in the mind

aspect of our souls. The mind causes the conscience to be made ineffective in combating anything recognized as “not right,” and the decision is reached by an individual to act on some proposition or other.

When conscience—that part of our souls that is the differentiating apparatus between what’s right and what’s wrong, that built-in mechanism God gives us to aid in decision making on the moral side in particular—is sidelined, we run the risk of giving up actual God-given personal freedom in exchange for a romanticized make-believe, feel-good, and quite temporary and fake satisfaction.

The flesh would argue that this is real because it feels good to the flesh, and the decision to engage is then solidified by the self-deceived mind which can no longer trust in reason, because it became deceived.

Thus, we have a condition in which perceived, but false, outcomes are romanticized. In the “Word Faith” camp of the majority of false teachers, many of whom are TV preachers, a concept of “standing” on the Word is relentlessly reinforced.

As a result, people have literally put their Bibles on the floor and then physically stood on it with the belief that this action showed their commitment to what God promised us through His Word. Not only does this absurd nonsense falsely portray a confidence that cannot exist, but it ruins a believer’s honest chance of finishing their personal race.

Everything in this fallen world gets romanticized. Good guys wearing the white hat have been romanticized, and we call them heroes. But, also, bad guys have been romanticized as being equally deserving of attention and merit, such as Bonnie and Clyde and Billy the Kid, to name just a couple.

It all started out being publicized through writings and compilations distributed as much as possible. The advent of our so-called modern era has enabled the devil to make progress like never before. We now have the ability to speak to someone far away with the aid of a device we call a phone. Before that, the radio was the device which changed whole cultures by the ability to get into the minds of the people en masse.

Not only could we talk to each other distantly and hear from sources in control of what the latest supposed news event was, but we were beginning to be enslaved by the other areas that were now possible in order to influence the majority of the people on earth.

But it got more sinister. Not only could we talk and listen en masse, but we could then see via television, which means extended vision. At that point, the “powers that be” could influence society by directly affecting the flesh like never before. After all, people of the world believe only what they see. A picture is worth a thousand words; and it’s paraded as though it’s a good thing when in fact it is just the opposite.

C.S. Lewis had legal documents drawn up to make sure his Narnia stories would remain in printed and audio form only. However, because the financial draw was too big, his family went to court in order to be able to turn into film the very thing he never wanted filmed. Far from a slow distribution—and that only to people who could read—we went from being able to talk and hear long distance to being able to see long distance. Whether any of this information was true didn’t matter; the wonderment and sheer bewilderment of most people made these so-called advances a best seller from the very get-go.

But it wasn’t enough for the powers that be, the ultra-rich who literally control all the world’s finances. He who controls the finances is in control. God plainly told us who that is in a fallen world—namely, “*The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*” (Prov 22:7) The modern idea of democracy was concocted by these rich individuals to keep the populace ignorant and therefore controllable by giving them the idea of self-rule, albeit fake.

If this idea of self-rule isn't fake, God is found to be a liar! Of course it is fake! But the powerful rich weren't at their desired end yet. They kept digging and inventing and building on previous assumed successes in producing gadgetry that made our lives more vulnerable but were sold and perceived as actually making life easier.

Now that we're able to overcome great distances, the power of the State to control us like it wants to does not exist. So, more and more control is being achieved through the increased knitting together of the various technical advances in the field of IT communications. The latest and greatest technology to come our way is 5G. Under the 5G IT network system everything will be tied together like never before. Senders and receivers are being installed on practically everything.

A true oneness of the world will never come about, because people groups will not readily agree on everything—because in the process, they would have to give up the particulars that make their group culturally distinctive from others.

The true plan of world togetherness which Satan has planned is to bring all people under his yoke of slavery using the various governments via technology. All nations are engaging in information technology and are spending record sums of money to achieve that end.

You see, we've come from mere scratching on skin, bones, leaves, and stone to writing on paper, to hearing over wires, to seeing over waves, to being watched via more powerful and more concentrated waves of all that can be knitted together in this manner.

This should be disturbing to all, but is instead exciting to most. Men have figured out how to combine all the known systems to be able to tie together and knit a net or web of interconnectedness like never before.

When asked why these connections are needed, they answer, "To make us more like one, the brotherhood of man." This is peddled as the answer to stem the tide of terrorism and wars and all the bad in the world, and to claim that evil can be controlled and made to work, if not eliminated.

The real problem, which is SIN, is of course never addressed. It's much the same with so-called drugs, which don't aid in healing anything but only mask ailments and prolong the inevitable—and even worse, in the process cause death and destruction to our bodies on many other levels.

Romanticizing is the realm of unhealthy relationships with literally anything or anyone. Why unhealthy? Because it's all fake! If you want to love, then make it real. Love demands commitment and selflessness from an individual, and true love will sooner or later have a high cost, but one which is gladly paid.

Romantic feelings really serve only the self and basically are regarded as costing nothing. These feelings do, however, also cost, but only in ways that nobody would gladly pay and in ways which are not immediately recognized by the ones who are enthralled with them.

The very epidemic of "trying to find oneself" to fit in with this world is what this is about, with emphasis on the "self." True identities have been destroyed in many, so people look for an identity that fits them best in their opinion, which also was already prescribed by the same system that invented the web in order to catch us all unawares.

We're told to wear these clothes, have this figure, look this way, eat like that, compare yourself to those whom we say look successful, strive for this, get that diploma, participate with us, be engaged, etc.

This is why we see people oblivious to everything around them when they're on the cell phone, or on the laptop or watching a movie. They seek many "likes" and personal attaboys in order to be somebody. No wonder they believe in the lie of evolution, which, by the way, makes them a total nobody. Evolution does not and cannot exist without death, which, according to the Bible, is a direct result of sin.

If we somehow realized ourselves into existence, as per the evolutionary fairytale, then we can realize ourselves into whatever we want, with rules dictated by the majority and none to judge us. This is the ultimate fallacy of being a romantic! The word *roman*, from which the term *romantic* is taken, is used by the French and Germans for a fictional story designed to entertain.

After all, even the Bible says that nothing humanity will set their minds to will be impossible for them to eventually reach. (Gen 11:6)

However, the core problem—SIN—is totally ignored. Thus, rebellion toward GOD remains! ~



## Q & A

**Q: In John 3:11 when Jesus says, “we speak,” “we have seen,” and “our witness,” does He mean the Godhead? (J.H.)**

**A:** In some English versions of the Bible, the authors have the first “we” capitalized, as in the KJV. However, the NKJV has all three “we’s” capitalized and also the “our.” Going by this fact, one could assume that Jesus is indeed referring to the Godhead.

However, since any and all interpretation is ruled by “context”—and not just what a word may mean in Greek or the fact that a word is given capital letters—the context in this passage of John tells us that Jesus is referring to Himself, His disciples, and all who might be born of the Spirit, that is, born-again. It is those individuals who see the truth of God’s inerrant Word and trust in it fully. This “we,” capitalized or not, would also include John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Christ by teaching about the salvation to come by the Spirit and through the Savior who is the Christ, after true repentance of all sins.

So, yes, the Godhead is involved in Jesus’ explanation; but no, He was not specifically referring to the Godhead, but rather to all those who, at the time He spoke this, received the truth by faith regardless of their mental capability to understand it. ~

We welcome any questions you may have regarding any subjects we have written about in this newsletter, any of Walt’s sermons you may have seen on YouTube, or any other biblical subjects.

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Walt: "Aaouu!!"



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**PRAYER REQUESTS....**



We hope that you all will join us in our prayers, remembering the Persecuted Church, praying for the health of all brothers and sisters in Christ, asking that we might live according to the will of God.

Pray for His wisdom, especially in not being deceived by the enemy. Pray also that all believers in Christ Jesus would be good witnesses for Him by the way we live our lives and our obedience to His commandments. Pray for the salvation of all the unsaved family members of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and that the fullness of the Gentiles would come in per Romans 11:25. Pray for our leaders, as Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem—the soon coming of our Lord Jesus, because only when He comes will there truly be peace.

**Praise God in all things and to God be the glory for all that is good! ~**

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**"No man can be true to God and escape unpopularity."** (Author Unknown)  
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We solicit your prayers for our ministry that we will continue with boldness as we present the truth, no matter what, and that **we** will not be deceived as **no one** is immune.

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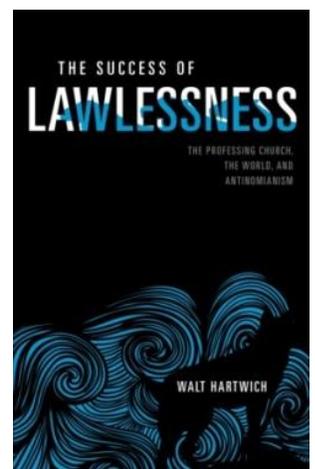
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There's only one sensible conclusion the searching mind can reach considering the evidence presented in these pages: **Sin = Lawlessness. (I John 3:4)**



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