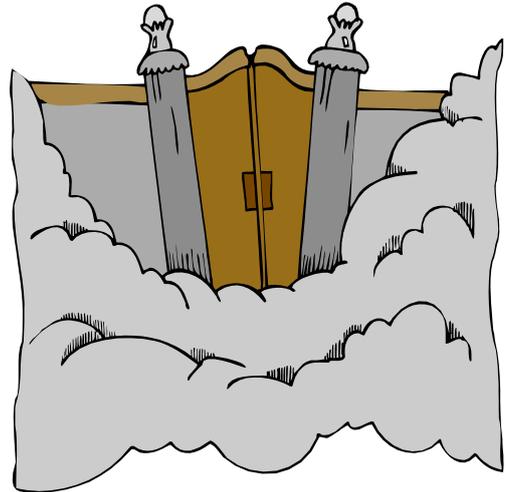


Pictures of Jesus

The Gate



This narrow gate is an example of what Jesus was talking about. The gate may be narrow but it leads to a beautiful place. When we follow the teachings of Jesus, we walk the narrow path and enter the narrow gate to heaven. Sinful ways are like a wide path and wide gate but it leads to a terrible place.



This picture is how many imagine the gates of heaven will look like. It is not important what the gates of heaven really look like, what is important is that Jesus opened these gates for all who believe in Him as their Savior.

John 10:9 | ***“I (Jesus) am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”***

Matthew 7:13-14 | **“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that lead to life.”**

A gate is a door in a fence or a wall that leads to a yard. A shepherd will bring his sheep into a yard to protect them or to treat them for any problems they may have. The gate leads to safety and comfort.

There are other gates that are not safe. Going through a gate leading into a pasture where there are cows and bulls can be very dangerous. Gates in a zoo are kept locked at all times because going through one of those gates can bring you face to face with a dangerous animal like a tiger.

Jesus uses the picture name of "The Gate" to describe Himself. Jesus lived and died to earn the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus is the door through which we go to find salvation, safety and comfort. Jesus is the gate that leads to heaven. Jesus promises that whoever believes in Him as the Savior will be saved from their sins. They will enter heaven through the righteousness of Jesus that He gives to everyone as a gift of love.

In the second Bible passage Jesus talks about wide roads and gates and narrow roads and gates. These are pictures of what "road" a

person follows in life. Many sins look exciting and fun to do. Other sins seem to make things easier for us. There are many wrong ways to think and live. These are the wide roads and gates that lead to destruction which is eternal punishment. It is easy to do the wrong thing; it is often hard to do the right thing. The right thing is the narrow road and gate which leads to eternal life. Turning from sinful behavior to follow the teachings of Jesus is like taking the narrow road. The only way to be saved is through Jesus, the narrow gate. Some people will try to say that there are many ways to be saved from sin which is like the wide gate but the truth is that they are wrong. Only faith in Jesus saves us from sin.

Jesus is the only gate to heaven. Any other gate is a wrong turn in the road.

PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for saving us from our sins. Only You can make it possible for us to be in heaven. Help us to follow Your teachings and have faith in You. Help us to stay on the narrow road and enter through the narrow gate. Amen