

Preface

A Companion Book Because,

The Milky Way reader needs one! I know this for two reasons; nature, and I've read it.

Nature shows us that a baby grows from the nutrients in milk, but must still learn to walk. Same thing happens in our spiritual lives, so a bit of coaching and encouragement is part of our development, and that's what I intend in The Narrow Way.

When I wrote and edited, and then read and edited The Milky Way, I once again grew a bit more and began seeing the milk everywhere in my Bible reading. I likewise adjusted my walk to get back onto the path supported only by the milk – those six primary doctrines of Christ. I was strengthened and reminded of the reason the writer of Hebrews mentions it, “seeing ye are dull of hearing” 5:11. This reminds me of many lost in a modern church system, sometimes based on anything but the foundations of Christ. I don't want that for me, or for you, so here's The Narrow Way!

A map to walk this life is clearly marked with boundaries, because the width of the narrow way is measured by the milk, Hebrews 6:1-3. Veering off path is possible but real spiritual progress is found only while walking on a course supported by the truth, John 14:6.

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.”

2 John 1:9-11

The Narrow Way

Strong words, but from a real Apostle of Christ. I am sure we should listen carefully and take John seriously when he tells us to abide in the teaching of Christ. Here those are as a reminder.

The Six Principles Of The Doctrine Of Christ

1-repentance from dead works

2-faith toward God

3-doctrine of baptisms

4-laying on of hands

5-resurrection of the dead

6-eternal judgment

Hebrews 6:1-3

I've paired them because they seem to go together. Let's begin to perceive the kind of supporting width they create for the path ahead. The application is more practical than you may now assume.

The first two principles (repentance from dead works and faith toward God) focus on our relationship with Yah. These help us understand and not stray from the gospel. Religion and pride will always pull at us, but the good news is, if you repent from dead works, and put your faith in Him, you arrive and live in the situation we call grace, made available by the blood of Jesus.

The second pair (the doctrine of baptisms and laying on of hands) guide our relationship with others. It's through these actions that we demonstrate to the world our choice of His Son. It's not done for show, but for obedience, for love of people and for love of God.

A Question of Progress

The final pair (resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment) define our relationship with eternity. Believers don't live for this world, but for the next. Because He lives so will we. We'll be judged worthy of the best, because of Him.

I hope you are beginning to see how these foundational truths of Christ support our path forward in Him.

As I walk out life, I use the milk often, like a multiple choice question asking which principle is Jesus talking about? It really helps me get the point He's bringing, rather than another point thought up by someone else. And isn't that valuable?

Works with the rest of the Bible too, like for instance the whole book of Galatians is mainly about the first two principles (repentance from dead works and faith toward God). Check it out, open that Bible.

I also use the milk to discern if a spiritual leader is even speaking from this foundation or not. If not, I kick that idea off my path, but if it connects to the foundation, I can embrace it.

But to check how I'm doing with my walk, am I being personally transformed and growing? I ask myself these six questions.