

## Luke 13:24-30, "The Struggle of Salvation, Part 2"

- ☞ "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail. Luke 13:24 This is one of the saddest statements in all of the Bible and one of the most frightening. Jesus says many who plan to go, want to go, and strive to go will not be going to Heaven. The ratio is many who won't make it verses too few who do. Hell is going to be populated by many who are stunned to find themselves there. These aren't God haters, atheists, these are those who knew Jesus, saw Him, hung out with Him, they planned and expected to go to heaven. Hell will be populated by many who planned to go to Heaven.
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### 1. Salvation is a fight.

- ✓ "Fight" is the word "agonizmai" in the Greek, we get our word "agonize" from it, it's a strong word. Jesus uses this word again in John 18:36. It's a word used to describe hand to hand combat, physical exertion in a sport, or an intense struggle.

### 2. Salvation is a fight for the truth.

- ✓ First of all, what is "the truth"? Many define truth and something that is subjective, "my truth"? There is no such thing as "My truth." There is only the truth.

### 3. Salvation is a fight to get the truth out 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:7 and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:25-27.

- ✓ "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, their hypocrisy. Luke 12:1. Satan is controlling the world through false information and false truth so; the battle is constant. Just because we have a Bible doesn't mean we have the truth yet. All the Jews who killed Jesus, did it thinking that they were upholding the Scriptures. We don't have Scripture until we have the correct interpretation of it.

### 4. Salvation is a fight to let the truth in.

- ✓ People are struggling after so many things that won't matter in the end, their biggest fight is to say that what they are after and what they believe they need is wrong. Is it that hard? Yes, because they will have to say they are wrong about everything. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.<sup>25</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?, Luke 9:24-25. We have to let go of all that we thought life was about in order to be saved, that's a real struggle. "I have been completely wrong about life" is hard to say! This is the battle, the battle is in you: you will have to fight to defeat your pride, self-righteousness, your love of sinful living, your desire to control your life. To come to Christ requires an unconditional surrender, I have to let go what I thought was life in order to receive life from Jesus.

**Many today are disillusioned with Jesus because He won't save them from what they think He should be saving them from, "I tried the Jesus thing, and it didn't work." Jesus didn't come to save us from bad feelings or bad finances, He came to save us from an eternity paying for our sins in Hell. Jesus came to save us from Himself. "but you will be thrown out," Luke 13:28. God Himself will throw us out of His kingdom as far as He can throw us, this is what we need to be saved from!**

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