

I thought of this experience as a parable. The music seemed to be an invitation to the masses to follow Christ. As with the gospel message, some believe in God's amazing grace and choose the narrow way. Others ignore His grace, which is the broad way that leads to everlasting destruction. Jesus said, "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).

Jesus died so that "whoever calls" on His name (Rom. 10:13) can find forgiveness in His grace.

*Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see. —Newton*

**Christ believed is salvation received.**



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### AMAZING GRACE

In the hectic downtown of one of Asia's great cities, I marvelled at the busy footpaths filled with people. There seemed to be no room to move in the crush of humanity, yet it also seemed that everyone was moving at top speed.

My attention was drawn to the soft, almost mournful sound of a single trumpeter playing "Amazing Grace." The crowds appeared oblivious to both the musician and the music. Still, he played—sending a musical message of the love of God out to whoever knew the song and would think about the words as he played.



# Wrong Road to Heaven

There are two ways to eternity:

## 1. The wrong way, Matthew 7:13, 15-23

**(Matthew 7:13)** .. The gate to destruction is wide, and the road that leads there is easy to follow. A lot of people go through that gate. [paraphrase]

You should let me into heaven because.....



## 2. The right way, Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27, 5:22, 28, 32, 37, 44, 6:3, 6, 17-18



**(Matthew 7:13-14)** "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. {14} But the gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.

**(John 10:9)** "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, ...."

**(John 14:6)** "... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

**(Acts 4:12)** "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**(Hebrews 1:3)** "... when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat

down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

**(John 3:16)** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

**(John 6:47)** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life."

**(John 10:27-29)** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. {28} "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. {29} "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

**(Acts 14:22)** "... We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

**(1 Peter 2:24)** "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, ..."

**(Ephesians 2:8-9)** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that [faith is] not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} [salvation is] not of works, lest anyone should boast."

**(2 Corinthians 5:21)** "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

