

There is a right way
There is a wrong way

1. Isa.35:8, designed to keep us from going astray.
2. Isa.53:6-7; 65:1-2, 'my way' always leads to disaster.
3. Mt.3:...3, straight (ct. Lk.19:10)

The Way

I. If You Start At Wrong Place,
The Map Will Not Work

May as well not have a map

Denominations need this lesson –

1. Start in OT for plan of salvation, Pr.3:5 [no Ro.10:9-10]
2. Apply plan for God's children to alien sinners. 1 Jn.1:9
 - Lk.18:9-14
 - Jews (children of God)
 - Ezk.44:9 (Ac.21:28)

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To Fit The Wrong Places

Wishing and Wanting alone do not help

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 - If so, repentance not necessary
 - Must place repentance before faith (Ac.2:37)
- Does not fit NT pattern. Ac.22:16

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III. Sincerity Alone Will
Not Get You There

Sincerity does not make a wrong way right.

Ac.9

- Saul persecuted Christians
- Thought he was serving God,
26:9-11
- Saul: sincere...but wrong.
- Jer.10:23, objective standard.
- Prov.14:12

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Your Directions

A map shows us what is right

- Mt.15:14

We can know we are right

- Acts 17:11, pays to make sure
 - Bereans knew not to believe everything they heard.
 - Even good people can be mistaken.

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It matters

Acts 18:25-26, 'the way'

'The way' became t.t.
to designate God's people.

- NOT: 'the ways' (plural).
- Apollos believed most of truth.
 - Mk.10, one thing...
 - Mk.12, not far...

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Perseverance / Consistency count

Mt.7:13-14

'Right way' leads to life . . . by finishing journey on right road

- 2 Tim.4:7, fought, finished, kept
- 2 Pt.2:15 . . . 21

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VII. Truth Sets Us Free

Greatest joy to lost person: to find the right way

Jn.8:31-32

- Right way excludes every false way.
 - Map – truth; every other way is false.
 - ‘You think you’re right, others wrong.’
- No greater misery than being lost.