

## Pathways to Life

**Overview:** Pro 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. Pro 2:12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; Pro 2:13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Pro 2:14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; Pro 2:15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths.

**Way – H1870/ G3598** - a *road* (as *trodden*); figuratively a *course* of life or *mode* of action, often adverbially: - along, away, because of, + by, conversation, custom, [east-] ward, journey, manner, passenger, through, toward, [high-] [path-] way [-side], whither [-soever].

**Path – H734/G5147** - a well trodden *road* (literally or figuratively); a *rut* or worn *track*: also a *caravan*: - manner, path, race, rank, traveller, troop, [by-, high-] way.

### A. Relationship with God

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| 1. Knowing God's way not just his works. | Ps 103:7; Heb3:10 |
| 2. The way of the Lord.                  | Acts 18:25-26     |

### B. Righteousness

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| 1. John came to bring the way of righteousness.                     | Matt 21:32    |
| 2. Better if false prophets had not known the way of righteousness. | 2 Pet 2:1, 21 |
| 3. Live unto righteousness.   | 1 Pet 2:24    |
| 4. He will lead us in paths of righteousness.                       | Ps 23:3       |
| 5. The path of the just (righteous) grows brighter.                 | Prov 4:18     |

### C. Love

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| 1. I show you a more excellent way.                         | 1 Cor 12:31    |
| 2. The way of love (agape) – the greatest of these is love. | 1 Cor 13:1-13  |
| 3. Because God loved us we ought also to love one another.  | 1 John 4:10-11 |

### D. Peace

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| 1. John came to help guide our feet in the way of peace.                     | Luke 1:79   |
| 2. All have been shut up under sin and the way of peace they have not known. | Rom 3:17    |
| 3. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace...                         | Gal 5:22    |
| 4. The kingdom of God is righteousness, joy & peace.                         | Rom 14:17   |
| 5. Be found of Him in peace.   | 2 Pet 3:14. |

### E. Life

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| 1. The way to life is narrow and few find it.                                  | Matt 7:13-14; 21-27 |
| 2. We can choose life or death...choose life.                                  | Deut 30:19          |
| 3. There is a way that seems right, but it is the way of death.                | Prov 16:25          |
| 4. To be carnally minded is death, to be spiritually minded is life and peace. | Rom 8:6             |
| 5. We shall not all die, but we shall all be changed.                          | 1 Cor 15:51         |

Isa 40:3-4 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.