

One of two gates to enter, two paths of life and two eternal destinies

Ezra 9:8 **And now for a little while (Jesus is returning soon to gather His remnant) grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape...and give us a measure of (or a little) revival in our bondage.**

The word remnant means a few out of the many. A little revival means a few who are spiritually dead to God are brought back to being alive to God and so join the remnant.

Every person has entered one of two gates that lead to two different eternal destinies

Matt 7:13 (Jesus) **Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to (eternal) destruction and there are many who go in by it.**

14 **For narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to (eternal) life, and there are few who find it (but if we're willing love will lead us to it).**

What is the narrow gate a person enters that leads to eternal life with God in heaven?

Ps 118:19-20 **Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. The narrow gate is righteousness – and the wide is sin**

What then is righteousness and what then is sin, so that I enter and live on the right path?

Rom 6:16 **Do you not know that...you are that one's slaves whom you obey, either sin resulting in death, or obedience (to God) resulting in righteousness?**

Righteousness means to obey God, sin means to disobey God and therefore obey myself

Isa 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to our own way and the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) this sin of us all (that's love)**

What does revival or re-living involve that restores a Christian to God as part of His remnant

1 Pet 2:24 **He (Jesus) Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree (the cross), so that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness...**

25 **For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls (that is, He is now Lord of your will).**

To be revived means my being re-forgiven by God and yielding my will to only do His will

Matt 7:21 (Jesus) **Not everyone who says to Me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven but those who do the will of My Father in heaven (He is love).**

If you entered the wide gate of sin, of self-will, won't you please now turn to God so that He can forgive your sin, because Christ, love, bore it? And choose to re-enter the gate of righteousness, of doing God's will, which His Spirit will cause you to do, and so be saved? The way of the lost is by a reasoning mind; the way of the saved is by a heart that trusts God.