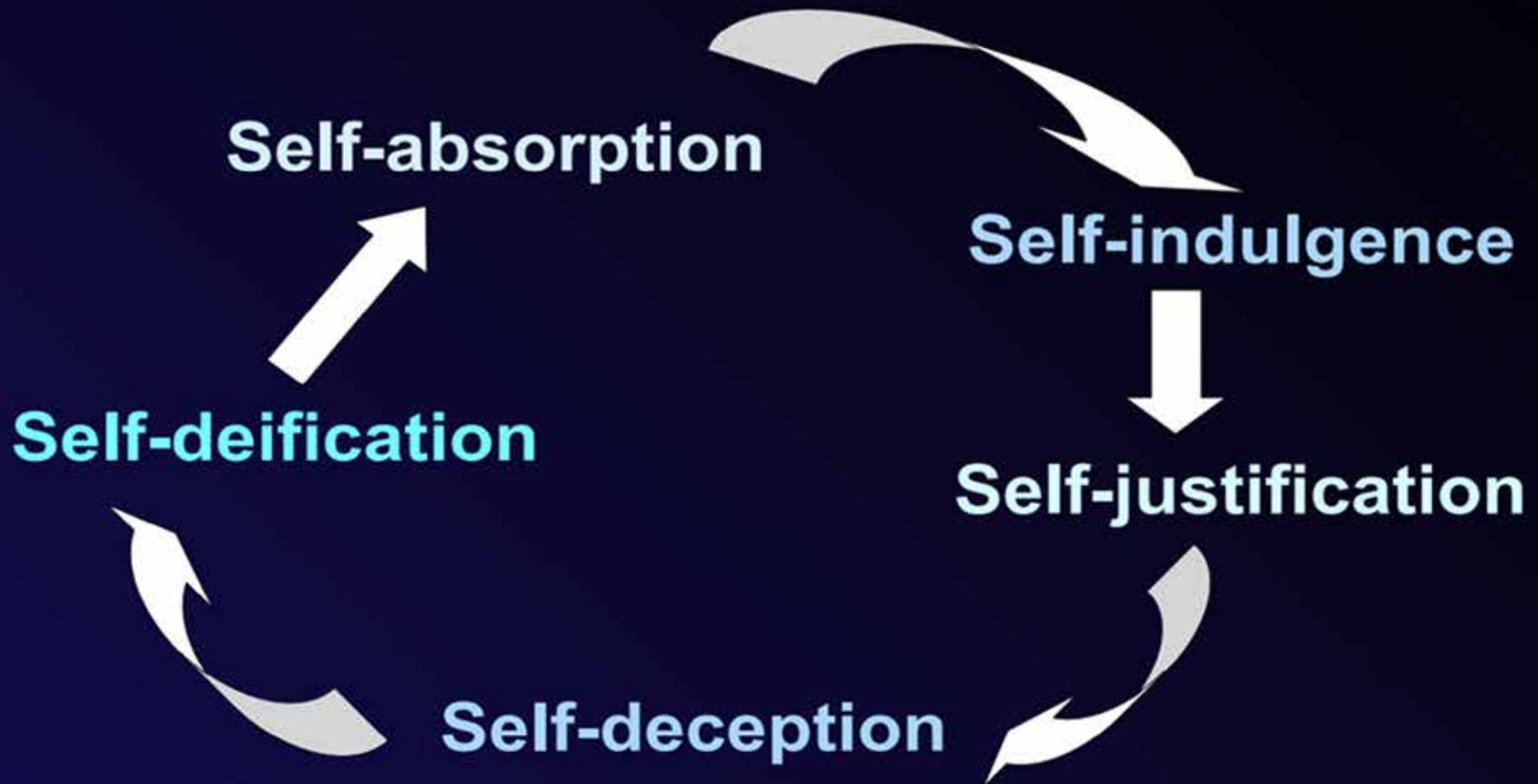
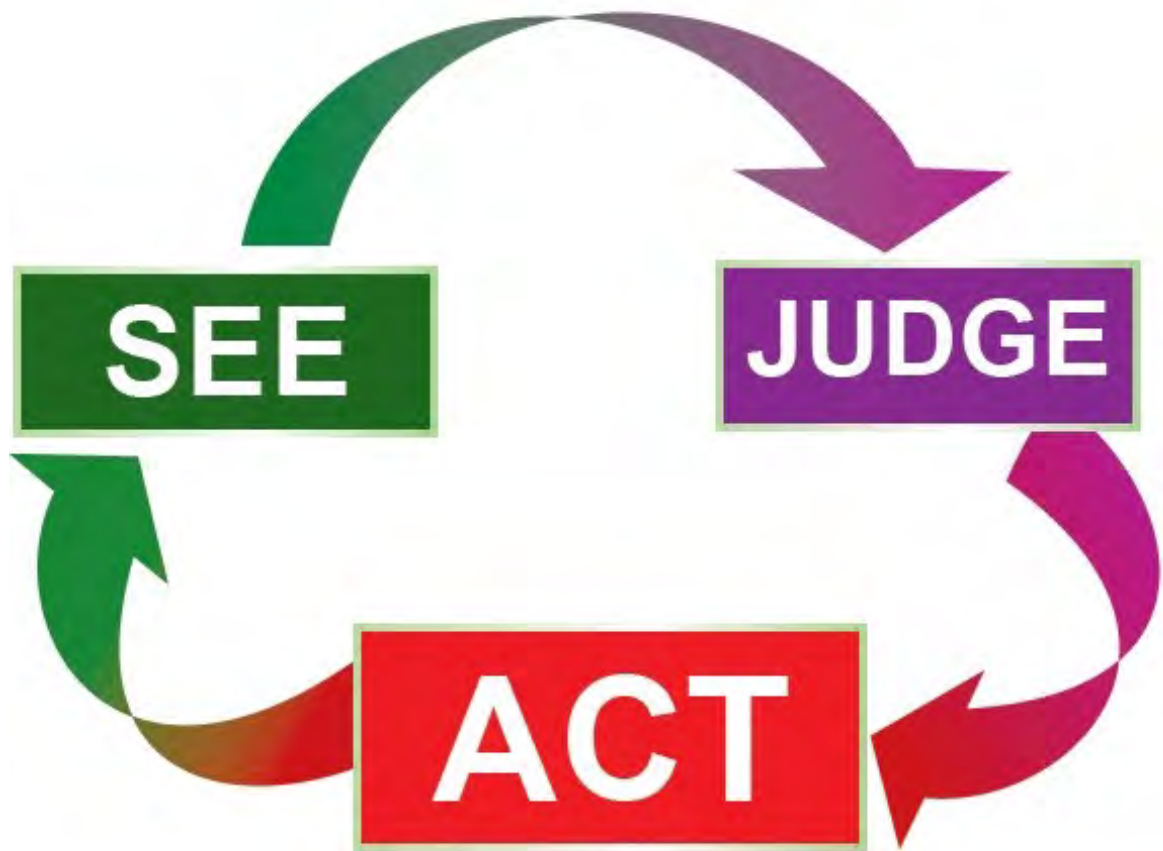


**“How to Deal With the Dogs the Jesus Way”**  
**Matthew 7: 7-14**

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# ARROGANCE CYCLE:





**SEE**

**JUDGE**

**ACT**

**Who are the dogs?**

*Impossible people, impossible situations, the stressors of life, the dogs!!*

Verse 7-11

**Deal with the dogs of life by asking,  
seeking, knocking**



## **Persevere in prayer – GOD CARES!**

**View prayer like you view exercise; don't feel like it, but it is good for you:**

- 1) The more you do it, the stronger you get**
- 2) Satan knows this and will do anything to distract you from prayer**
- 3) Go to your quiet place where God and you do business regularly**
- 4) Grow stronger and stronger as you talk to your Heavenly Father!**

**The more you pray, the stronger you get –**  
*like exercise!*

- 1) Stronger in fellowship**
- 2) Stronger in patience**
- 3) Stronger in love for God**
- 4) Stronger in dependance on God**
- 5) Stronger in knowing that I know Daddy will take care of me**



Verse 12

**Deal with the Dogs – *Treat them as you  
want to be treated***

This is known as ***“The Golden Rule”***

**What is the essence of Jesus’ teaching?**

*Seek ways to do good to others,  
just like you would like others to  
do good to you*

Jesus summed up *“The Golden Rule”* this way:

The Law of Love – Matthew 22: 39

*“Love your neighbor as yourself”*

The *Law of Love* encompasses treating others as you would like to be treated

Even if they are not treating you well – this is truly a ***GOD THING!***

**The Jesus way is very different than our way!!**

Verse 13 - 14

**Deal with the dogs – *Love them and show them Jesus***

# The giving God gave His only begotten Son

## John 3: 16

Believes = “*pisteuo*” = commit to, place trust in Jesus as my sin bearer

Repentance = “*metanoia*” = change of mind leading to a change in direction in one’s life

**Jesus' cry to all mankind - "*Enter by the narrow gate*"  
- the Jesus only gate!**

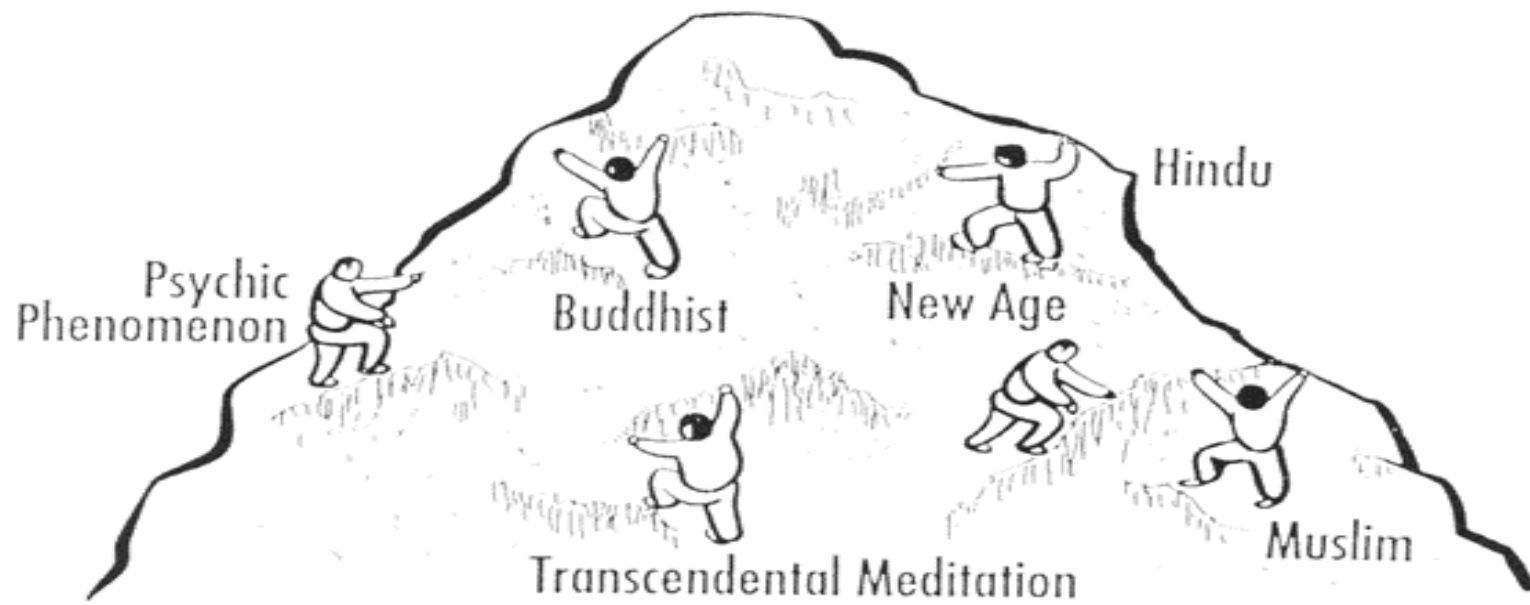


*There are not multiple roads to God!*

WE EXIST



GOD







**The narrow gate is not naturally seen**

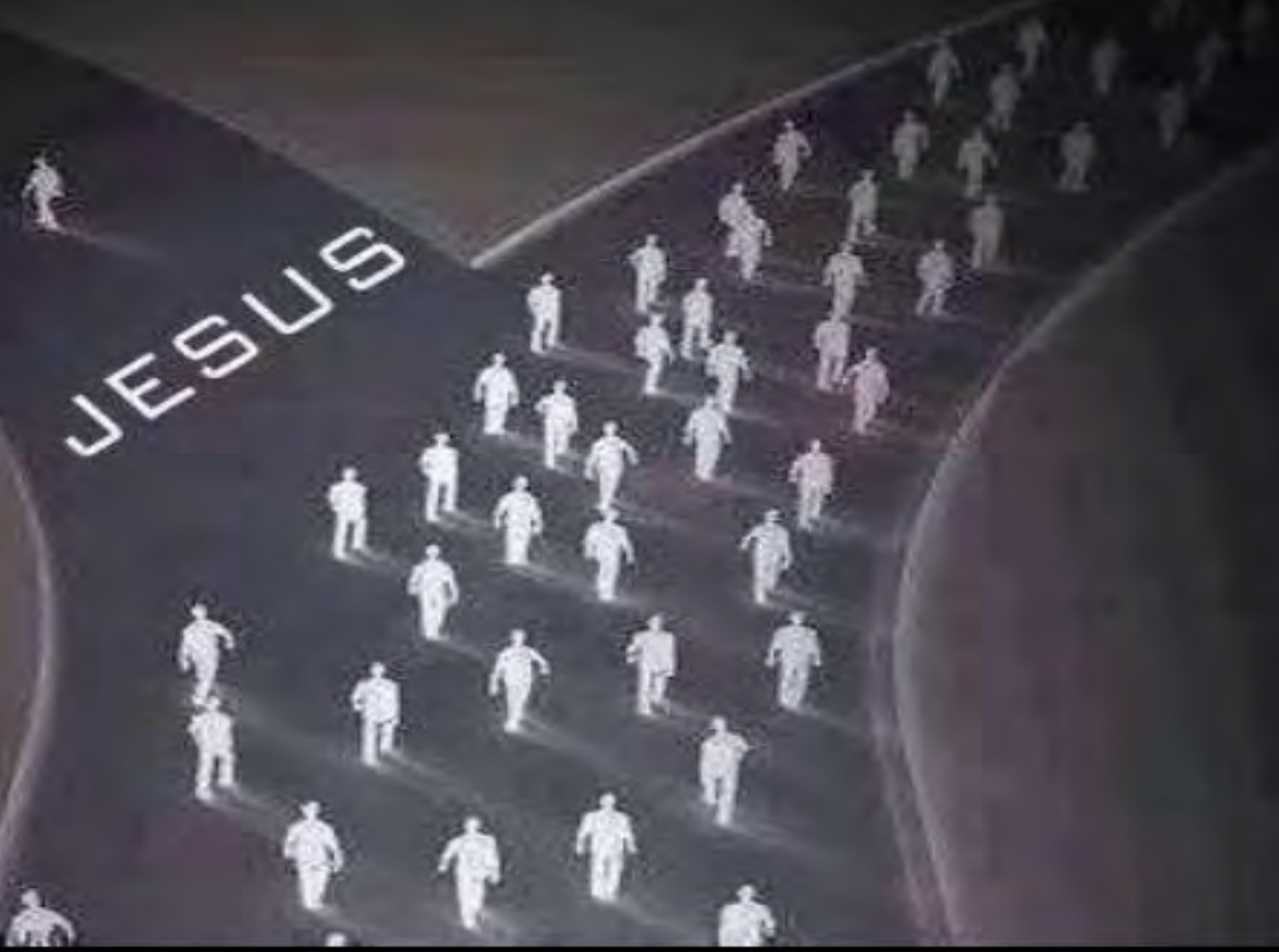
People need a *God-miracle* to allow them to see

**Turn from the wide gate, and turn to the  
narrow gate = *REPENTANCE!!***

*“Narrow is the gate and difficult is the  
way, which leads to life, and there are  
few who find it.”*

**Do not  
Follow  
Majority  
Follow  
The  
Right  
Way**

**JESUS**



**God's plea to all mankind:**

***“Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord God, “and not that he should turn from his ways and live?”***

**Ezekiel 18: 23**

Heaven is real, and contrary to popular belief, most do not go there

Hell is real, and contrary to popular belief, most go there – *they do not want Jesus!*

A warning to those who reject God's love gift, *Jesus dying for them* – Hebrews 10: 29-31

Salvation is a life-or-death decision –

***CHOOSE LIFE AND BELIEVE!!***

**CLOSING THOUGHTS: *HOW TO DEAL WITH THE  
DOGS THE JESUS WAY***

**Dealing with the dogs: *PRAY!***

**When the dogs of life attack, savage people,  
stressors, disappointments:**

***ASK, SEEK, KNOCK!***

## Dealing with the dogs: *THE GOLDEN RULE*

Though the dogs want to tear into us,  
Jesus teaches us how to treat them – *like  
you want to be treated (be nice to them)*

Admittedly, not easy!

A requirement in dealing with the dogs of  
this world is a CHANGED ME!

## *Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.



**Dealing with the dogs: *LOVE THEM AND SHOW THEM JESUS***

**We are commanded to tell them about Jesus and His love**

**Jesus' command to go and tell is clear in Scripture**

**Many have died for their faith by going and telling others about the Savior**

Life is not about here – *this is passing away!*

*Life is about there* – our eternal home!

***JESUS' FINAL COMMAND TO YOU:***

***GO AND TELL!!***

## THE GREAT COMMISSION

*19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

- Matthew 28:19-20