Introduction
1. The Great Christian Race is on one path. There is another path.
2. The paths are very different, and your choice of path lasts for an eternity.

I. There Are Only Two Paths.

1. The path of salvation is narrow.
   A. Salvation comes only through faith in Christ (John 3:16; Acts 4:12).
   B. Jesus called it a narrow gate (Matt. 7:13).
   C. Few people take this path.
   D. Once on this path, you never leave it!
2. The path to destruction is wide.
   A. There are many people on this path.
      • People can leave this path at any time for the narrow path, but most do not.
   B. Jesus called it the wide gate (Matt. 7:13).
   C. There are many ways to take this path.
      1. The atheist
      2. The agnostic
      3. The cult member
      4. The member of a false religion
      5. The nones
      6. The unsaved church attender or member
   D. The wide path is enticing.
      1. Sin always looks great on the outside but is death on the inside.
      2. Sin is effective in advertising its message.
         • It is rampant today in the news and entertainment industries and the field of education.

II. Take the Right Path!

1. Learn from godly Christians who are running well.
   A. Follow Paul’s example.
   B. Observe those on the right path.

III. Christ’s Enemies Walk on the Wide Path.
1. Their end is destruction.
2. Their glory their shame.
A. They criticize and belittle Christianity.
   1. The world says Christianity is for the weak minded.
      • The Bible says:
      A. The Gospel is foolishness to the world, but the **power** of God to Christians (1 Cor. 1:18).
      B. The Gospel is a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles (1 Cor. 1:23).
   2. The world says Christianity is a **crutch**.
      • Jesus said:
      A. “I came that they might have **life**, and might have it abundantly” (John 10:10b).
      B. “Take My **yoke** upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls” (Matt. 11:29).
   3. The world says Christians have **no** fun.
      • The Bible says:
      A. Christians can have **joy** even in difficulties (James 1:2).
      B. Christians have God’s perfect peace (Phil. 4:7).
      C. Christians have the **fruit** of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
   3. They set their minds on **earthly** things.

IV. Conclusion
   1. We must do all we can to:
      A. Encourage people who are on the right path (Christianity).
      B. Winsomely **invite** people on the wrong path to join us on the right path.

Next Week (Nov. 4) – “Our Heavenly Citizenship” (Phil. 3:20-21)