

HIGH SCHOOL ROAD  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Meeting Times:**

Sunday 9:30am  
Bible Study

Sunday 10:30am  
Worship

Sunday 6:00pm  
Worship

Wednesday  
7:30pm  
Bible Study

**SICK & SHUT  
-INS:**

- Jim Conners
- Charlene Conners
- Bill Hunt
- Irene Tillman
- Gilda Young
- Thelma Cooksey

**Announcements:**

- Please give all nonworking hearing devices to David Welch.
- New quarter starts today. Teachers, thank you for teaching our Bible Classes.

# The Narrow Way

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## “I Feel Cheated”

Some people feel that they are cheated by life. Things do not work out for them as they would have them: they do not make as much money as they want or their marriage goes sour; or their children are a disappointment; or a loved one is taken by untimely death; or their health is broken; or this or that or the other goes awry; and they feel that they have not gotten all they deserve, all they have a “right” to — they feel short-changed, they feel cheated.

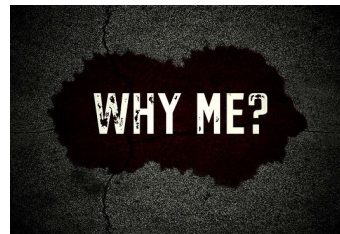
The notion that one has been cheated progresses, if harbored, into a bitterness of mind and spirit: “others have not been so mistreated, why me?”

I haven’t done any worse than many others, and they are not being deprived, why me? I’m being treated unfairly, I’m not receiving that which I have a right to, I feel cheated - so what do I owe anybody anyhow?”

So, embittered by the persuasion that they are being “cheated” by life, they grow sour: they shun or drive away those who care for them; they look with disdain on their relationship and duty to the Lord, and their bitterness festers and festers within them, poisoning them physically, and emotionally,

and worst of all, spiritually. Their malady is a pernicious sourness of soul.

It is natural to be disappoint-



ed, even to grieve, when adversity visits. It is unnatural, in the extreme, to allow the effects of that adversity to gain mastery of us. The successfulness of our life is not weighed by the quality or duration of marriage, or the calibre of our children (though these things may be indirect pointers thereto); the success of our life is not keyed to material wealth of physical health: and if, through no fault of my own these things are snatched from my grasp, it is not reason for lingering, corroding despair.

Our “reason for being” in this life, positively viewed, is to please our Creator, that we may have everlasting life: *“This is the end of the matter: all hath been heard: Fear God, and keep his com-*

*-mandments; for this is the whole duty of man.” (Eccl. 12:13). The disappointments of life should serve to kindle in us the intense longing for that life when there will be no disappointment; where “God himself shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more...” (Rev.21: 3,4). Those thus comforted are those who “by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption.” (Romans 2:7).*

How irrational, then, for one to react to disappointment with such resentment. The devil is the reason for death, and for sin: if you must be bitter toward someone, direct it toward Satan, where it belongs, and strove by faithful service to come ever closer to the Lord. God has not cheated you.

Are you cheating yourself?

-Patrick Farish

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## High School Road Church of Christ

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**Our Mission**, as a church, is to "preach the gospel to every creature." ([Mark 16:15](#)). We seek to do the will of God presented in the scriptures and engage in worship by what we read in the New Testament.

**Our Goal** is to teach spiritual lessons and to individually grow in our relationship with Christ. Our Hope is that we all might reach heaven together.

**Our Purpose** is to worship and serve God, our Creator, "in spirit and in truth."

([John 4:24](#))

Please consider these aims, make them yours, and feel free to worship with us at the next possible opportunity. We invite you to come learn the truth, and work with us to abide in it.

([2 John 1: 9](#))

## A New Day

"This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it, or use it for some good purpose. But what I do with this day is important because I have exchanged a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. I hope I will not regret the price I paid for it."

-Anonymous



### YouTube Program

Class on Luke—Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am  
Prove All Things—Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm

[www.youtube.com/c/highschoolroadchurch](http://www.youtube.com/c/highschoolroadchurch)