

I. Goodwill “So he went on with haste...to the gate”

vouchsafe = give or grant vouchsafe an _____
grave = serious a grave person named _____
haply = by chance.....haply they might _____
durst = dared.....as far as I durst _____

In his testimony, Christian tells Goodwill who he is and why he is come to the Wicket Gate. What are the implications of Christians answers?

The Gate and the Way: Matthew 7:13-14. Why must the believer strive to enter the narrow gate and the strait way if salvation is by faith, not by works?

II. Interpreter “He came at the house of the interpreter...”

Two theories about his identity:

John 14:26, the interpreter is _____

Acts 8:30-31, the interpreter is _____

The pictures or illustrations in Interpreters house suggest that many _____ are necessary for complete understanding of the Christian life.

A. A brave picture “Christian saw the picture of a very grave person...”

Why did interpreter tell Christian he was showing this picture?

Who would this grave person be? _____.

This man... is one of a thousand; he can _____!

B. A dusty room “A very large parlour that was full of dust...”

parlour = _____ sweeper = _____

dust = _____ water = _____

“There is nothing half so worthy of abhorrence as the human heart; and could you and I but once see our heart, we should be driven mad, so horrible would be the sight.” (Charles Spurgeon, *New Park Street Pulpit*, I:44.)

C. Passion and patience “A little room, where sat two children...” [See Psalm 73]

Who does Passion represent? _____

Who does Patience represent? _____

Amity = friendship or harmony. Bunyan describes that it is a bad thing to find such amity between what two things?

_____ and _____

D. **The fire** “a fire was burning against a wall”

fire = _____

man pouring water = _____

oil = _____

man pouring oil = _____

What is significant about the fact the man pouring oil is hidden from view? _____

E. **The valiant man** “Set down my name, sir...”

Acts 14:22 enter the kingdom through _____

“... then Christian smiled, and said, I think verily I know the meaning of this.” What is the meaning of this, and how is it that the man is able to win through to the castle? (See Eph 6.17)

“How hot are we on the thermometer of zeal when it comes to our prayers, witnessing, mortifying the flesh, reading the Scriptures, and attending to the Word of God preached? A lazy, careless attitude toward Christ and his kingdom is not how the Bible describes the Christian life.” (Maureen Bradley, *The Pilgrim’s Progress Study Guide*, p. 24)

See Matthew 11.12.

F. **The iron cage** “there sat a man in an iron cage”

His past condition:

A professor (one who made a profession of faith)

Fair (free of obstacles, “fair sailing”) for the _____

But he left off (stopped) to _____ and _____

His present condition:

Now a man of _____

I have so hardened my heart, that I cannot _____

Doctrine of reprobation, three views:

1. He was elected of God to damnation (strong Calvinist view)
2. He was simply not elected (weak Calvinist view)
3. He was abandoned by God because of his choice (Arminian view)

“Black... are those [who oppose eternal life] most willingly, whom God doth leave to live and die.” — John Bunyan

Christian asks (and we ask) “is there no hope for such a man as this?” Can this picture be true? [Related Bible passages: Rom. 11:22, Heb. 3:12-14, 1 John 2:19, Heb. 6:1-6]

G. **The Dreamer** “one rising out of bed”

garner = place to store grain

The man was afraid because “the day of judgment was come, and I was _____”

III. Interpreter “Then said the interpreter...”

goad = pointed rod to prod an ox with

What would be like goads? _____

All these sights were “things to make me _____”