

Is Jesus LORD of your life or only your SAVIOR?

LUKE 6:46 ESV

Why do you <u>call me</u> 'Lord, Lord,' and <u>not do</u> what I tell you

A believer and a disciple is NOT the same

a BELIEVER is saved, justified, and has eternal life

a DISCIPLE is a follower, learner, and imitator of Jesus

JOHN 8:31 NIV

To the Jews who had <u>believed</u> him, Jesus said, "<u>If</u> you <u>hold to my teaching</u>, you are really my <u>disciples</u>.

Biblical Requirement for Salvation

ACTS 16:30-31 NASB

And after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be <u>saved</u>?" 31 They said, "<u>Believe</u> in the Lord Jesus, and <u>you will be saved</u>"

salvation is by faith alone

Biblically, the <u>ONLY</u> condition for salvation is <u>FAITH</u>

- 115x the NT says that when a person BELIEVES (verb) they are saved, have eternal life, and are justified
- 35x the NT says that a person by FAITH (noun) a person is justified or becomes righteous

JOHN 3:16 NASB

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that <u>everyone who believes</u> in Him will not perish, but have <u>eternal life</u>.

JOHN 6:47 NASB

Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who **believes** has **eternal life**.

ROMANS 10:9 NASB

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

salvation is by <u>faith alone</u>

NOT by works

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV

For it is by grace you have been <u>saved</u>, <u>through</u>

<u>faith</u>—and this is <u>not</u> from <u>yourselves</u>, it is the <u>gift</u>

of God—<u>not by works</u>, so that no one can boast.

TITUS 3:5 NASB

He <u>saved</u> us, <u>not</u> on the <u>basis</u> of <u>deeds</u> which we have done in righteousness, but according to <u>His</u> mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit

ROMANS 4:5 NASB

But to the one who does **not work**, but <u>believes</u> in Him who justifies the ungodly, his <u>faith</u> is credited as <u>righteousness</u>

Faith without works.

But "faith without works is dead,"

so aren't works still required for salvation?

NO! Works are NOT required for salvation

works simply demonstrate that your faith is genuine

JAMES 2:17 ESV

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

JAMES 2:24 ESV

You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

JAMES 2:14, 19 ESV

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone <u>says</u> he has faith but does <u>not</u> have <u>works</u>? Can <u>that faith</u> <u>save</u> him?

19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

James distinguishes between two kinds of faith:

- 1. genuine faith / alive faith / the faith of God vs
- 2. claimed faith / dead faith / demon faith

Biblical Requirements for Being a Disciple

- 1. Follow Jesus (Luke 9:23, 14:27; Matt 10:38, 16:24)
- 2. Deny yourself and take up your cross (Luke 9:23, 14:27; Mat 10:38, 16:24)
- 3. Hate your family and your own life (Luke 14:26; Matt 10:37)
- 4. Give up all your possessions (Luke 14:33)

LUKE 9:23 NASB

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

LUKE 14:26-33 NASB

26 If anyone comes to Me, and does not <u>hate his own</u> father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even <u>his own</u> <u>life</u>, he cannot be <u>My disciple</u>. 27 Whoever does not <u>carry his own cross</u> and <u>come after Me</u> cannot be My **disciple**.

33 So then, none of you can be My **disciple** who does <u>not give up all his</u> <u>own possessions</u>.

- 5. Love God and one another (John 13:35, 14:15, 21; Matt 22:37-40)
- 6. Obey Jesus' teachings (John 8:31)
- 7. Produce fruit (John 15:8)
- 8. Endure suffering and persecution (John 15:20; 1 Peter 2:21)

JOHN 13:35 NASB

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

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JOHN 15:8 NASB

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

ETERNAL LIFE vs DISCIPLESHIP

Free Gift Costly

Received by faith Received by surrender & obedience

Not by works

By works

Instant justification Life-long sanctification

Jesus paid the price The Christian pays the price

Believe in Jesus Follow Jesus as Lord

Believe in Jesus Obey His commands

Cannot be earned Earns rewards

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Lordship is about surrender

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Lordship is the way into the kingdom of God, not salvation

LORDSHIP IS THE WAY INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 7:21-23 NASB

21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

22 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; leave Me, you who <u>practice</u> <u>lawlessness</u>.'

What is the Kingdom of God?

- The kingdom of God is the <u>rule of God</u> through Jesus Christ
- Wherever Jesus is ruling & reigning

Requirements to enter the kingdom of God

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE KINGDOM

- 1. Born again, saved (John 3:3-5)
- 2. Do the will of God (Matthew 7:21-23)
- 3. Be a disciple / follower of Jesus (Luke 9:57-62)
- 4. Live righteous / free from sin (Mk 9:43-47; Mt 18:6-9, 5:20, 21:31-32; 1 Cor 6:9-11)
- 5. Be like a child (Matt 18:3-4, 19:14; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17)

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE KINGDOM

- 6. Enter the narrow way (Luke 13:23-30; Matthew 7:13-14, 21)
- 7. Hardships & persecution (Mk 10:24; Acts 14:22; Mt 5:10, 20:20-21; 2 Th 1:5)
- 8. Produce fruit (Matthew 21:43)
- 9. Be poor in spirit (Matthew 5:3)
- 10. Love God and people (James 2:5; Matthew 25:34-39)
- 11. Not with our physical bodies (1 Corinthians 15:50)

Why is entering the kingdom so important?

Importance of Entering the Kingdom

1. Be part of the <u>first resurrection</u>—the honeymoon, marriage feast, millennial reign—at the return of Jesus

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-12 ESV

1 Then the <u>kingdom</u> of heaven will be like <u>ten virgins</u> who took their lamps and went to meet the <u>bridegroom</u>. 2 Five of them were <u>foolish</u>, and five were <u>wise</u>. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took <u>no oil</u> with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and <u>slept</u>.

6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the <u>bridegroom came</u>, and those who <u>were ready</u> went in with him to the <u>marriage feast</u>, and the <u>door was shut</u>.

11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Importance of Entering the Kingdom

- 1. Be part of the <u>first resurrection</u>—the honeymoon, marriage feast, millennial reign—at the return of Jesus
- 2. Live in the New Jerusalem (the city of God) with Jesus
- 3. Receive <u>rewards</u>, <u>crowns</u>, and <u>glory</u> that are only for those in the kingdom of God

Hard times reveal who Jesus is to you—Savior or Lord

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