

A PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY LESSON

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

He actually makes 2 statements. He tells us who will, and who won’t go to heaven.

- How can we know the will of God?

John 7:17 If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the **teaching**, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

Can’t get past the teaching (doctrine)

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of **teaching** to which you were committed,

- The teaching must be obeyed.

1 Timothy 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure **salvation** both for yourself and for those who hear you.

Salvation (*Hebrews 9:27 Judgment*)

2 Thessalonians 1:7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

The Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

- How do we obey the gospel?

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Acts 3:19 Therefore **repent** and return, so that your **sins may be wiped away**, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

The penalty for sin is death - **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (1Cor. 6:9-11) Discuss sin!

1 Corinthians 6:9 *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor*

effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

- What happens after baptism?

Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church** daily such as should be saved.

- Added to which church? The church that continues in the doctrine, or will of God.

The church – Acts 2:47, Rev. 1:11ff, My Church – Matt. 16:18, Church of God – 1Cor. 1:2, 1Cor. 11:22, Church of the Firstborn – Heb. 12:23, House of God – 1Tim. 3:15, Church of the Living God – 1Tim. 3:15, Kingdom of God – Acts 8:4, Mark 9:1, Kingdom of his Dear Son – Col. 1:13, His body – Eph. 1:22-23, One body – Eph. 4:4, Churches of Christ – Rom. 16:16

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