

Entering The Kingdom

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Who Was Nicodemus?

- A Pharisee. John 3:1
- Ruler of the Jews. John 3:1; 7:50
- A teacher of Israel. John 3:10
- Asked for the body of Jesus. John 19:39

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Who Shall NOT Enter The Kingdom?

Matthew 5:20

"Say and do not." Matthew 23:2-3

- Must "do." Matthew 5:19-20; Acts 10:34-35
- Those who trust in riches. Mark 10:23-27; Luke 12:13-21; Matthew 19:16-22
- Those who follow the works of the flesh. Galatians 5:19
- The unrighteous. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; cf. Acts 18:8

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- "Begotten" (1 Peter 1:23; 1 Corinthians 4:15; James 1:18; cf. Luke 8:11; cf. "rebirth" in Titus 3:5)
 - Starting all over!
- cf. Ezekiel 36:22-31 – Complete transformation necessary to receive the blessings of God. cf. Jeremiah 31:31ff

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- Nicodemus should have known that a physical birth was not all that made him God's elect! Verses 7, 10
 - There was the necessity of circumcision. Genesis 17
 - As David affirmed, a new heart was required! Psalms 51:10, *"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."* Psalms 51:17, *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, o God, thou wilt not despise."*
- Without that new heart, even the Jew was not acceptable to Jehovah!

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- Baptism puts one "into Christ" in Galatians 3:27 (as in Romans 6:3-4). "New creatures" 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Baptism "washes away sins." Acts 22:16
- Baptism is "unto remission of sins." Acts 2:38
- Baptism "saves us." 1 Peter 3:21

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Matthew 18:3, “Except ye turn (be converted - KJV), and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

- From unbelief to believing. John 8:24; Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6
- From impenitent to penitent. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Romans 2:6-8
- From disobedient to obedient. Hebrews 5:8-9; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- RESULTS: Like a little child. (Humble, loving, obedient, forgiving, etc.)

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Matthew 7:21, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

- Obedience: cf. Matthew 17:5
 - Children. Ephesians 6:1; Exodus 20:12
 - Us. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47

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Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:44-47

Preaching	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	Saved
Pentecost Acts 2:14-41		Repented 37-38		Baptized 38-41	Remission of sins 38-47
Samaritan Acts 8:5-13	Believed 12			Baptized 12-13	
Eunuch Acts 8:35-39	Believed 36-37		Confessed 37	Baptized 38	Rejoiced 39
Saul Acts 9:1-17; 22; 26				Baptized Acts 22:16; 9:18	Washed sins away Acts 22:16
Cornelius Acts 10:34-46; 11:14; 15:7	Believed 10:43; 15:7			Baptized 10:48	Remission of sins 10:43
Lydia Acts 16:13	Attended 14			Baptized 15	
Jailor Acts 16:32	Believed 31	Repented 33		Baptized 33	

Preaching Romans 10:4 Faith Hebrews 11:6 Repentance Luke 13:3 Confession Romans 10:10 Baptism Galatians 3:16-27 Salvation 2 Timothy 2:10
 Hebrews 5:8-9

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- John 3:5, “Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God!”
- Conclusion:
 - Saved ones are delivered, translated, transformed, changed, “out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love” (Colossians 1:13)

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- Conclusion:
 - The same act of **Baptism** that saves the believer (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21), so that the Lord adds him to His church (Acts 2:47), and that puts the believer from “without” the body to “into the body” (1 Corinthians 12:13), and from “without” Christ to being “in Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27), is the act that “translates,” “changes” him from “without” to “into the kingdom” of Christ.

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Are You In The Kingdom Of Christ?

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