

How to go to heaven (According to Jesus)

Text: Mark 10:17-31

Context - Jesus had just explained that we must come unto him like a child with full dependency in order to come into the Kingdom and now a man approaches Him who is fully self-dependent and self-righteous.

To inherit eternal life...

1. _____ **fully upon the goodness of Christ (vs. 17-20)**

- A. When Jesus asks the question, "Why do you call me good?" He was testing the man's understanding of His righteousness and deity. Jesus is good, and therefore Jesus is God.
- B. It is clear from the man's answers that he was trusting in his own righteousness to get into the Kingdom of Heaven. Man cannot get into heaven through his own righteousness, and Jesus did not come to call the righteous (in their own eyes) to repentance, but to call sinners to repentance.

2. _____ **the possessions of heaven (vs. 21-22)**

- A. Jesus was not making either philanthropy or poverty a requirement for salvation, but exposing the young man's heart. He was not blameless, as he maintained (v. 20), since he loved his possessions more than his neighbors (cf. Lev. 19:18). More importantly, he refused to obey Christ's direct command, choosing to serve riches instead of God (Matt. 6:24). (John MacArthur)
- B. He man must find his treasure in the coming kingdom of God rather than in the things of this world, and he must follow Jesus into the eternal life he is seeking. (Al Mohler)

3. _____ **everything to follow Jesus (vs. 23-31)**

- A. Peter made it clear that he and the disciples had done exactly what Jesus had asked the rich young ruler to do. That they had left everything to follow Jesus.
- B. This does not mean that every disciple of Christ must sell all that he has; rather, the heart must be focused on God, and every possession yielded to God, with the result that possessions will be handled as a form of stewardship. (ESV Study Bible)