

Who Will Enter The Kingdom?
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Introduction:

I. Welcome.

Discussion:

I. Read Matthew 27:21 and comment:

- A. Only those persons who "truly do God's will" - will go to heaven. Jn. 15:1-3
- B. Professing Jesus as Lord isn't enough. - Lk. 6:46; Jam. 1:19
- C. Being religious is not enough either. - Mt. 7:21-23; Rom. 10:1-4; Acts 17:22-23 ("religious" NASV)
 - i. Examples:
 - a) Saul of Tarsus. - Acts 26:4-5; Acts 26:9-11; Gal 1:13-14
 - b) Cornelius - Acts 10:1-2; Acts 10:22; Acts 11:14
 - Saved without baptism? - Mk. 16:16

II. You "Must be born again" to enter the kingdom of God - Jn. 3:1-12

- A. Born of water and the Spirit - 1st Pet. 1:22-23; Eph. 5:25-26; Tit. 3:4-7
- B. Water = "Baptism" - Jn. 3:22-23; Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5; Rom. 6:3-4; Acts 10:47-48.
- C. Holy Spirit = "Spirit" - 1st Pet. 1:22; 1 Cor. 12:13
- D. Body = Church = House = Kingdom - Acts 2:47 (Added to church which is the kingdom)
 - i. Added - Acts 2:36-41

Conclusion:

I. It is possible to have faith in Jesus and yet "not be saved"

- A. Yes, a lot of people like this today. - Jn 12:42-43; Mat. 10:32-33; Acts 26:26-29; Jn 1:11-12; Rom. 10:13-16
- B. Calling on the Name of the Lord involves more than simply "believing" in Jesus - Acts 22:16; Acts 9:18; Acts 9:1-6
- C. Are you a part of the Lord's Kingdom today? - Matt. 7:21
 - i. Jesus saves those who obey! - Heb. 5:9
- D. The Invitation.