



Study Guide - 6

Entering the Kingdom

Pre-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Based on your life, so far, do you think you're good enough to go to heaven?
2. Based on your life, so far, do you think you're bad enough to go to hell?
3. If you pray and go to church regularly, do you believe that God gives you credit for acceptance?
4. Do you believe that you're born again because you have been baptized and you're a member of your church?

DISCOVER

How do you get into the Kingdom of Heaven? What do you need to do to be saved? What does "grace" mean? We will discover some very plain statements from the Bible that won't require a theologian to interpret them for you. You can read and judge for yourself.

QUESTION-1: How are sinners saved?

READ-1.01: Matt. 19:16-26 READ-1.02: James 2:10

READ-1.03: Rom. 8:7 READ-1.04: Isa. 64:6

READ-1.05: Rom. 7:18 READ-1.06: Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:16

DISCOVERY-1: I AM NOT SAVED BY OBEYING GOD'S LAW BECAUSE:

1. God requires perfect obedience.
2. It is impossible for sinners to obey perfectly.

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QUESTION-2: What way did God use to restore sinful man to His Kingdom?

READ-2.01: Eph. 2:4-9

READ-2.02: Titus 3:5

READ-2.03: Rom. 6:23

DISCOVERY-2: I AM SAVED BY GRACE WHEN I BELIEVE IN JESUS BECAUSE SALVATION IS GOD'S FREE GIFT THAT I MUST RECEIVE BY FAITH.

QUESTION-3: What is the only way sinners can relate to God?

READ-3.01: John 6:28-29; Rom. 1:17; Heb. 11:6

READ-3.02: Heb. 11:1

DISCOVERY-3: FAITH IS THE BASIS OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

QUESTION-4: How are sinners accepted by God?

READ-4.01: Rom. 3:27

READ-4.02: Rom. 3:28

READ-4.03: Rom. 3:30

DISCOVERY-4: GOD ACCEPTS ME BY FAITH ALONE, AND NOT BY:

1. Faith + Good Deeds
2. Faith + Law Obedience

QUESTION-5: What happens when a sinner believes in Jesus Christ?

READ-5: Rom. 3:21-26

DISCOVERY-5: GOD DECLARES GUILTY SINNERS LIKE ME TO BE “NOT GUILTY” WHEN THEY BELIEVE IN JESUS.

QUESTION-6: What did Jesus say about sinners entering His Kingdom?

READ-6: John 3:3-7

DISCOVERY-6: I NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN IN ORDER TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

QUESTION-7: How is a sinner born again and accepted into God’s Kingdom?

READ-7.01: John 3:14-18

READ-7.02: Acts 2:37-38

READ-7.03: Romans 10:8-10

DISCOVERY-7: I RECEIVE SALVATION AND I AM BORN AGAIN WHEN I . . .

- A. Believe in Jesus.
- B. Turn to God by changing my mind about Him and my sins.
- C. Believe in my heart that Jesus rose from the dead and confess with my mouth that He is Lord.



Key 6

BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND ACCEPT HIM AS MY SAVIOR AND LORD.

This is the Good News: Salvation is the gift of a gracious God to undeserving sinners. Unrighteous man is declared “not guilty” and accepted into the Kingdom of God because God imputes (credits) the righteousness of Christ and His death to the guilty sinner. The sinner’s acceptance is based on what

another person did outside of him (extrinsic righteousness), and not based on his own (intrinsic) righteousness. The transaction (“Justification by Faith”) is completed instantaneously when the sinner accepts Jesus by faith. Without it, salvation is impossible. Justification by Faith is the most important doctrine of Christianity. The absence of Justification by Faith, or confusion about it, in a church’s teaching results in the loss or compromise of the Gospel.

SUMMARY

Salvation is God’s free gift to sinners who are unable to obey His law, and, therefore, undeserving of eternal life. God gives this gift to me through His Son, Jesus, who came to suffer the penalty that I deserve in order for me to receive the life that I don’t deserve. I receive salvation by believing in Jesus as my risen Savior and declaring to the world that He is my Lord.

After-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Do you understand that God requires perfect obedience to His law because He is holy and just?
2. Do you understand that as a sinner it is impossible for you to obey God’s law perfectly?
3. Do you understand that no sinner will ever be accepted by God for his obedience because it will never be good enough?
4. Do you understand that salvation is God’s free gift and that you only receive it by faith, you don’t earn it?
5. Do you believe that all you have to do for God to consider you as “not guilty” is to accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

What Now?

(Please Check)

- ___ I want to accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord and be born again right now.
- ___ I have already accepted Jesus and I have been born again; I want to thank Him again.
- ___ I have accepted Jesus in the past, but I have been out of fellowship with Him for some time now; I want to re-commit my life to Him.
- ___ Please pray for me. I still have some personal issues to be resolved before I am ready to accept Jesus.