

WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

QUESTION: Why do members of the Church of Christ not recognize individuals who are members of the Baptist, Methodist, or any other universal Christian Church as being true and legitimate Christians and members of His Church, whereas disqualifying them to be eligible to enter the kingdom of God? “WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD”, that is the question!

ANSWER: Please understand, first of all, that the “Church of Christ” does not determine who does or does not enter “the kingdom of God.” Neither is it our place to establish who is or is not a “legitimate Christian or member of “His Church.”

The words of Christ, which have been revealed to us in His New Testament, are the standard (1 Tim. 6:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Col: 3:17. Members of the New Testament Church must strive to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where it is silent. We use God’s Word for all we do in faith and practice (1 Per. 4:11).

God established before “the foundation of the world” the standard of eligibility for entrance into His kingdom (Eph. 1:4; John 3:3-5) and members of the Church of Jesus Christ follow God’s standard (Rom. 6:17-18). Men have made alterations to this standard resulting in religious diversity.

Jesus prayed for unity of all believers serving one Lord (John 17:20-21). Anyone who refuses to know God or obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ will NOT enter the kingdom of God (2Thess. 1:7-9; Mt. 7:21-23). Neither will those who go about to “establish their own righteousness” (Rom. 10:1-3). However, those who obey the Lord (John 14:15) and are faithful members of Christ’s Church (Rev. 2:10) will be the ONLY ones who go to heaven (Heb. 5:8-9).

Are YOU a member of the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Study the conversion account in the book of Acts and you will find that they heard the gospel (Acts 2:37), believed the truth (Acts 8:37), repented of their sins (Acts 11:18), confessed their faith (Acts 8:37) and were baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 22:16) and these, the Lord “added to the Church” (Acts 2:47).

When judgment day comes, only those who are Christ’s will go to heaven, everyone else will go into everlasting punishment (Mt. 25:46).

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