

Entering and Reigning In The Kingdom-Part 18

What Must We Do? The PROCESS of Obtaining Age Lasting Life

2 Corinthians 5: ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 Timothy 2: ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown **UNLESS** he competes according to the rules.

In Matthew 5:18 he said **"I tell you the truth"**

Matthew 19: ¹⁶Now a man came up to Jesus **and asked**, "Teacher, what good thing **must I DO to get eternal life?**" (*zōēn aiōnion*) = age-lasting life.

¹⁷"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only one who is good. **If you want to ENTER life, obey** the commandments." ¹⁸"Which ones?" the man inquired.

Jesus replied, " **'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, ¹⁹honor your father and mother,'** and **'love your neighbor as yourself.'**" ²⁰"All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" ²¹Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect (*teleios-complete maturity*), go, sell your possessions (*uparchonta-being possessed*) and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, **follow me.**" (*present active imperative*)

Follow = PRESENT=continuous action in the present. ACTIVE=the subject is doing the acting. IMPERATIVE=a command or intention.

²²When the young man heard this, he went away sad (*lupoumenos-greiving*), **because** he had great wealth.

²³Then Jesus said to his disciples, "**I tell you the truth**, it is hard for a rich man **to enter the kingdom of heaven**.²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man **to enter the kingdom of God**."

²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were **greatly astonished** (*exoplēssonto-to strike with panic*) and asked, "Who then can be saved?" (*sózó = to be made whole*)

²⁶Jesus looked **at them** and said, "With man this (*referring to being made whole*) is impossible, **BUT with God all things are possible**."

Luke 8: ¹²Those along the path are the ones **who hear, and then** the devil comes **and takes away the word** (*context is the word of the Kingdom age*) **from their hearts**, so that they may not believe and be saved (*sózó*).
Subjunctive-this mood expresses the idea of probable completion of the action of the verb **with the possibility of the action of the verb failing to be completed**.

2 Timothy 2: ²⁵Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, **in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth**,

Romans 9: ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

¹³Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." ¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."
¹⁶**It does NOT**, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, **BUT on God's mercy.**

John 3:¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³In reply Jesus declared, "**I tell you the truth**, no one can **SEE the kingdom of God** unless he is born again." (*anōthen -born from above*) Adverb of place
NOT time

⁴"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" ⁵Jesus answered, "**I tell you the truth, no one can ENTER the kingdom of God** unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷**You should not be surprised at my saying,** 'You must be born again.' (*another-from above*)