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- realizing the power of a life in Christ -

JUST HOW DOES ANYONE EVER REALLY GET INTO HEAVEN?

Nothing, absolutely nothing is as important as knowing Jesus, as being “saved”, as being assured you are going to be with Jesus and the Father forever – in Heaven, in his Kingdom.

Some have preached that all that is necessary is to go up to the front of a ministry service and say a very short prayer. Depending on your heart at that moment, that may be a good first step. The truth is that this is a real life change we are talking about, a change and a journey that begins the moment you truly accept Jesus as Lord. Once you become a true believer, you are a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come.

There is much to say on this. The New Testament is full of scriptures that relate to this subject. In this newsletter we are focusing on just two key scriptures.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6 - NIV)." This is the crux of the matter. No one can get to God without going through Jesus. There is only one God and only one mediator between God and men – Christ Jesus.

I hope you know there is no other way to God, to having life in Heaven, in the eternal Kingdom of God. No other way. We live in a society and world dominated by a plethora of opinions and views and massive deception. People are always looking for the easy way. They are always looking for justification for their approach to life. But there is only one way to God.

Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. All the other approaches presented, all the “religions,” are false, phony, fake, pagan, whatever you want to call them.

Belief in Jesus is not a religion. It is belief in truth.

The second scripture I want to look at is Romans 10:9. Paul here says that **“...if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (NIV)."**

Look at these key words:

Confess – going to the original Greek in which the New Testament was written, this word means to align yourself with the statement, to line up with the truth that Jesus is Lord.

Lord – This word means what it says – boss, head, leader. If Jesus is your Lord, then what must you do? You must obey everything he says. Aha! If you say he is your Lord but then live as you wish, he is

certainly not your Lord so the conclusion of this statement does not apply to you. I think this is where many people miss it. If Jesus is your Lord, you must obey what he says in the Bible and in your prayer time. Of course, it is possible to slip up and commit some sin, but upon realizing that you immediately ask his forgiveness and then go on. This is the point - Your intent and your ongoing actions must line up with who he is and what he has said.

Believe – This means absolute belief. I often give the example that if I did not believe there is sufficient oxygen to keep me alive and comfortable in the room in which I am sitting, I would get up and run out. But I do believe there is sufficient oxygen here, so I stay. Believe. It's a serious word.

Saved – The original Greek word here means total wholeness, being saved in all ways. A complete salvation. Remember, Jesus came to reconcile people to God. He came to take care of all that separated people from God. And you've heard or read my going over many things he did – taking sin upon himself and standing in for you on the cross, thereby earning you God's forgiveness, taking sickness and disease and pain upon himself - and by his stripes you are healed, becoming a curse for you on the cross so you are free from curses of the law, overcoming the world so that in him you overcome the world, becoming poor so that you might be rich, and on and on – much more! When he said "it is finished," he meant he had done all necessary to reconcile people to God. In John 17:4 he even says he has completed the work his father gave him to do.

So if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe with your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. And you will be with Jesus and the Father forever. The Kingdom of God even now is in you. You will someday be in Heaven with Jesus and the Father. That statement begins a journey of growing in Christ, of learning more and more, of obeying what he says. NEVER FORGET – saying Jesus is your Lord means in your life you seek to obey what he says. That is how you live.

There are so many scriptures on this subject. So many aspects. And like anything else in the Bible, they must all be considered. Not just one or two. Scriptures dealing with being born again, being a new creation, discussing how many people will be saved, becoming like a little child in our relation to Jesus, and more. We may discuss some of these in future newsletters. But the time is short, and the messages many.

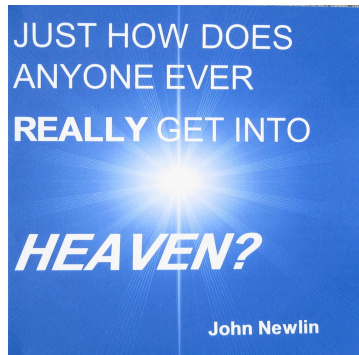
Our new CD – **JUST HOW DOES ANYONE EVER REALLY GET INTO HEAVEN?** looks into many, many words by Jesus and others on this most important of all subjects. Please request it. This CD is for any of your relatives and friends who are seeking or who may be lost. And it is for you, giving numerous scriptures and guidance that you can apply in speaking to others about Jesus. So much of what is meant by salvation is never covered in the traditional church forums today. But God is true to his word. He has not forgotten what is said in the Bible.

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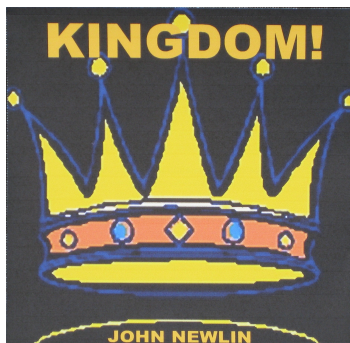
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KINGDOM!



The KINGDOM OF GOD is within you if you are a believer in Jesus Christ. Soon it will be here in a very visible and physical way when Jesus sets up rule from Jerusalem. Being a member of the Kingdom comes with great benefits and great responsibilities. They relate to your being a citizen of the Kingdom, being an ambassador of the Kingdom, and being a soldier for the Kingdom. In this CD John explores all these areas. You will be uplifted and amazed at all that is yours and that is expected of you as a member of the KINGDOM!

May you always live in the blessings of God.

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