

** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)

Subject: Your Righteousness Will Not Get You Into The Kingdom Of Heaven:

America is a nation that consists of a lot of nice people. There is probably more love in America than anywhere in the world. The people of America are basically kind and hospitable. More charitable deeds are done in America than anywhere in the world. I believe that only the kingdom of heaven can offer a better place to live than America. Of all the good people in America, not one of us will be able to enter the kingdom as a result of our good righteous ways. As good as God is, He will not allow anybody on earth to enter the kingdom based upon their own good righteous ways.

One of the first groups of religious folk that Jesus renounced was because of their own righteousness that was not related to the righteousness of God. Listen to St. Matthew 5:20:

Verse 20 - *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

Jesus is teaching that not only will your sins and evil ways keep you out of the kingdom of heaven, but your righteousness will also keep you out. Now some may ask, how do we get saved? The answer is when you are born again; you are born of God by the Spirit of God. When the Spirit of God comes into your life, it brings the righteousness of God also.

When the Spirit of God brings the righteousness of God into your life, it not only removes your sins, but it also removes your righteousness. This will result to you being found in Christ not having your own righteousness but the righteousness, which is of faith. This is why the apostle Paul said he accounted all of his good qualities as dung that he might win Christ. Listen to Philippians 3:8-9:

Verse 8 - *Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.*

Verse 9 - And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

Subject: You Can Only Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven By The Word Of God:

You cannot get into the kingdom of heaven if the word of God as it is taught in the scriptures is keeping you out. The teachings of the word of God are the door to the kingdom of heaven, and the Holy Spirit is the key that unlocks the door. If a church organization is being conducted in any way contrary to the teachings of the word of God, the members of such an organization will not be able to get into the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: All Who Go To Heaven Will Be A Part Of God's Life (Psalm 23:6)(St. John 14:2):

If you are truly born again, you will very soon begin to live in the house of God forever (Psalm 23:6) (St. John 14:2). Heaven is God's house, and He is preparing a place for the born again believers to live in joy, peace and happiness forever. Everlasting life is different from life in this world (St. John 10:10). There is a beginning and an end; or a start and a finish for everything that we do in this world.

In heaven whatever you enjoy, you will be able to enjoy it indefinitely. God's habitation in heaven will be an infinite existence of goodness and pleasure in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will be the source of power and life for everybody in heaven. Our new life in heaven will be composed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God. Our life will be God in us forever. When God adopted us into His family, it is His plan to make us a part of His life. Just as Jesus and angels in heaven are a part of God, we will also be a part of God by means of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Eternal Joy For The Children Of God:

God's purpose is to save a people and make them happy. God gets pleasure out of making people happy, so He prepares nice things for those He saves that they might enjoy such things and be happy. Listen to St. Luke 12:32:

Verse 32 - *Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

Not only is God going to give His children the kingdom of heaven to live in mansions in heaven, but listen further to St. Matthew 5:5:

Verse 5 - *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

God is also going to renovate the earth for His children so that they will enjoy living in heaven and on the new earth. Listen to what John saw in Revelations 21:1-3:

Verse 1 - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Verse 2 - And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Verse 3 - And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

All this will be done by the Spirit of God for His people to enjoy throughout eternity. This joy will never end.