

THE TRUE GOSPEL
100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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TO ENTER THE KINGDOM, BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN

Mat 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?**

Mat 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

Mat 18:5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Mat 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and [that] he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

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Mat 19:13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put [his] hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

Mat 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

Mat 19:15 And he laid [his] hands on them, and departed thence.

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Mar 10:13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and [his] disciples rebuked those that brought [them].

Mar 10:14 But when Jesus saw [it], he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the **KINGDOM OF GOD.**

Mar 10:15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **KINGDOM OF GOD** as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

Mar 10:16 And he took them up in his arms, put [his] hands upon them, and blessed them.

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Luk 18:15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when [his] disciples saw [it], they rebuked them.

Luk 18:16 But Jesus called them [unto him], and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the **KINGDOM OF GOD.**

Luk 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **KINGDOM OF GOD** as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Note: Some use these scriptures to say that infants should be baptized. However, the doctrine of baptizing infants contradicts the commandments of God that repentance and belief must accompany baptism.

*Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

* Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Infants and young children are unable to repent or believe the Gospel. They cannot understand the concept or the meaning of baptism. And the churches that teach infant baptism lost the knowledge that all people including infants who have died, never having been able to become converted Christians in this life will have their chance in the second resurrection. They are not lost.

There are other attributes of children that God does not want Christians to build into their character.

* Pro 22:15 Foolishness [is] bound in the heart of a child; [but] the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

1Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

* 1Cor 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

* Eph 4:14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

* Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Obviously, God does not want Christians to be foolish, immature and childish, ignorant and easily deceived. So in what way does God want us to become as little children?

Mat 18:3-4 shows that becoming like a little child to enter the Kingdom of God means that our conversion to Christianity must be a very humbling experience. Mar 10:15 and Luk 18:17 further tells us that becoming like little children has to do with how we receive the message of the Kingdom of God. We must become in relationship to God like his little child, obedient to his will, submissive to his teaching, depending on him for our needs and trusting him with our life. Without this profound change in our prideful human nature, we cannot enter his Kingdom.

Notice in these other scriptures how the Lord's disciples were referred to as little children.

* Jhn 13:33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

* Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

* 1Jo 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

- * 1Jo 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.
- * 1Jo 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him [that is] from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.
- * 1Jo 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.
- * 1Jo 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
- * 1Jo 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.
- * 1Jo 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
- * 1Jo 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- * 1Jo 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

In addition to this, Mat 18:5-6 tells us that once we are converted and become as God's little children, God is very much concerned with how we are receiving each other as fellow Christians. In whatever manner we receive our brother in Christ, we are receiving Jesus himself. And however we offend another Christian, we are offending Jesus himself. Errors in brotherly relationships were going in the New Testament Church from the beginning and we need to watch for them today. Here John wrote about a man who was unjustly casting people out of the church.

- * 3Jo 1:8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.
- 3Jo 1:9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.
- 3Jo 1:10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth [them] out of the church.

The example of Jesus when he saw a man cast out was to seek out the man to see if he believed.

- * Jhn 9:34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.
- Jhn 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

Jesus taught that our Christian relationships are so important that a wrong attitude towards a brother is the same as breaking the commandment against murder. And we cannot approach God with a gift or a prayer unless we are first reconciled to our brother.

- * Mat 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
- Mat 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
- Mat 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Mat 5:24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Many behavioral judgments we make should be with a mind toward the good and the edifying of our Christian brother.

* Rom 14:21 [It is] good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor [any thing] whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Jesus also gave us 'The New Commandment' that specifically governs the Christian's relationship with his fellow Christian.

* Jhn 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Jhn 13:35 By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.