



“With God All Things Are Possible!”

Matthew Chapter 19:16-30

- JESUS GIVES US TWO SIMPLE INSIGHTS FOR LIFE:

> Insight #1 - (v16-24) Mission Impossible!

> Insight #2 - (v25-30) With God all things are Possible!

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(v16-22) Observe four common misconceptions about God, life, & eternal life:

- **Misconception #1** – This rich young ruler believes that Jesus is a “*good teacher*,” but not the Messiah, nor the Son of God. Yet, Jesus defines “*good*” as that which belongs to God only. Since Jesus is “good,” He is God, God the Son.

- This theological doctrine is known as the *deity of Christ*; Jesus is the second person of the *Trinity*.

- Here’s more Scriptural evidence establishing the *deity of Christ*:

John 1:1- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Hebrews 1:8- *But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom."*

Matthew 1:23- *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

John 20:28-29- *And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Romans 9:5- *"of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen"*.

Titus 2:13- *"looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,"*

1 John 5:20- *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.*

Jesus is not just a “*good teacher*,” but God incarnate, which distinguishes Him from all other religions and religious teachers.

- **Misconception #2** – *“What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”* Do we earn our way to heaven? NO! In fact, we are hopelessly lost and depraved from the bottom of our feet to the top of our head, from our inner most being, soul and spirit, we are totally and completely corrupt. The Scripture says in Romans 3:23 - *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*, and Romans 3:10 - *There is none righteous, no, not one.*

Here's some good news (*the gospel*) - Paul writes in Ephesians 2:1-10 - *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- Misconception #3 – *“I can go to heaven because I keep the Commandments.”* No one can keep the Ten Commandments. Jesus mentioned five commandments, which the young man said he kept, but what about the other five –

- (1) *"You shall have no other gods before Me"* (Ex 20:3);
- (2) *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image"* (Ex 20:4);
- (3) *"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain"* (Ex 20:7);
- (4) *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"* (Ex 20:8);
- (10) *"You shall not covet"* (Ex 20:17).

In Romans 3:20 - *Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

James 2:10-11 - *For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.*

- What is the purpose of the Law? Galatians 3:19-25 tells us, *What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.*

- Misconception #4 – *I don't need to follow Jesus to go to heaven?* I've got my own way, my own truth, my own life; and my God understands me.

According to Jesus in John 14:6 - Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

- What happens to a person when he or she surrenders their heart to Jesus Christ?
Jesus said in John 3:16-17 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

In Matthew 11:28-30 - *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*"

(v22-24) Why is it hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven?

The rich man likes being his own king and having his own kingdom, thus he rejects Christ as Lord, Master, and King; and he's rejected God's Kingdom.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:24 - "*No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.*"

In 1 Timothy 6:10 - *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

> Insight #2 - (v25-30) With God all things are Possible!

(v25) "Who then can be saved?" - The Jews believed that riches were a sign of God's blessing; just like today's "name it and claim it" preachers, but they are practicing and teaching covetousness.

(v26) Salvation through man's works is "mission impossible," but God saves us from the guttermost to the uttermost; let's look at the transformation of one called Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-10)

Paul said in 1 Timothy 1:15 - *This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.*

(v27-28) What is this "regeneration"?

The Greek word is *palingenesia* meaning new birth, renewal, and recreation.

This word is also found in Titus 3:4-7 - *But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

This passage speaks to the Christians new birth through the Holy Spirit, whereas, verse 28 declares the re-creation of the social order and renewal of the earth at the Second Coming of Christ with His saints establishing His Millennial Kingdom (the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth, Rev 19:11-16; 20:1-9; Isa 11:4; Jer 3:17; Zech 14:9). The apostles will judge the twelve tribes of Israel during this time (Isaiah 1:26).

(v29-30) The word "left" speaks of forsaking those things or people as to the top priority of one's life; meaning God is to be God of one's life, and Jesus Christ is the Lord over all of one's life. Notice Jesus says, *for My name's sake*, meaning all Christians will receive a hundredfold reward and eternal life!

Paul writes in Philippians 2:9-11 - *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- We will inherit ETERNAL LIFE!!! AWESOME, EPIC, LIFE EVERLASTING!!!

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