

HOW DO I GET / OBTAIN ETERNAL LIFE? MT. 19:16-26

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Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Matthew 19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

Matthew 19:19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 19:20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? **Matthew**

19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Matthew 19:22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Matthew 19:25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? **Matthew**

19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

The interaction of Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler (RYR):

1. The RYR wanted something he could do → to obtain eternal life!

Matthew 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

I believe this is the ultimate, universal, instinctive...impulse: to do something!

Matthew 18:24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

Matthew 18:25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. **Matthew 18:26** The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Matthew 18:28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. **Matthew 18:29** And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

2. Jesus gave the RYR something he could do / (really) couldn't do!

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The Law, & laws in general, cannot save us:

- **Instead it eliminates our excuses**
- **Instead it establishes our guilt**
- **Instead it exposes our sinfulness (fully)**
- **Instead it expedites us to run to Christ**

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **Romans 3:20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

3. The RYR **thought** he could do it! Or, in fact had done it!

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4. Jesus **finally** gave him something he absolutely couldn't do | wouldn't do!

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He hadn't kept the law from childhood!

He was a sinner

But he, comparatively, felt ok

He WAS rich!

Jesus forced the choice we all have to make

Money...or Christ!

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Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Matthew 17:22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: Matthew 17:23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Ephesians 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

5. Eternal life is **NOT** something we can do – it is something **only** God can do for us!

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