

# Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

**Matt. 7:21-23**



# Most People Believe they are going to Heaven

Barna Research Group: Oct. 2003

81% Believe in a Afterlife

79% Believe in a Soul

76% Believe Heaven is Real

32% Believe Hell is Real

# Barna Research cont.

64% Believe they are going to Heaven  
1% Believe they are going to Hell

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43% Believe will go to Heaven based upon Confessing and Accepting Jesus in their hearts.

15% Believe will go to Heaven by following the 10 Commandments

15% Because they are Good

6% Because God loves all men.

# What do these Statistics Say???

Most People believe they are going to Heaven.

Remember what Jesus said.

**Matt. 7:13-14**

“Few people will find the way to Heaven.”

# Who will Enter the Kingdom of Heaven???

Faith only Believers

Grace only Believers

Good People

People who accept Jesus and pray

People who follow the Ten Commandments

All People

# **Jesus Christ is VERY CLEAR**

“Not Everyone who says Lord, Lord” vs. 21

Takes away Faith and Belief Only.

**James 2:17-18**

**James 3:13**

# Are there UNSAVED Believers???

## James 2:19-20

Demons Believe and are not Saved. WHY?

**vs. 20** Because they Do not Do the  
Fathers will.

**vs. 21-22**

**We can say “I Believe”**

But, if we do not act upon our Belief,

**“DO I REALLY TRUST IN MY BELIEF”**

**THEREFORE,**

**I Must show Belief by what I Do.**

**James 1:21-26**

# **True Faith = Obedience**

**John 14:15      Obedience = Love**

**John 15:14      Obedience = Friendship**

**Heb. 5:8-9      Christ saves the Obedient**

**1 John 2:3      Obedient knows Christ**

**Not everyone who Does Good Works will be Saved!!!**

**Matt. 7:22**

**“Many will say in that day  
HAVE we not done”**

**We can not Earn our Way to Heaven.**

**Titus 3:3-7**

# **We can not stop working because of Grace**

**Titus 3:8**

**Maintain Good Works**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

Faith and Grace go together, **THEREFORE**

Continue in Works (But do not Boast)

# **Jesus Christ refers to Boasters**

**People who believe by their works  
they are saved.**

**vs. 22**

**BUT, who else is Christ referring to???**

**Those who do things for a good  
reason but without  
AUTHORIZATION.**

**Jesus refers to LAWLESS PRACTICES.**

**vs. 23**

**Def.**

**Someone who Acts without Authority.**

# **Some Examples**

**Singing and Playing to Worship God.**

**4 words used in the N.T.**

**Sing, Sang, Sung, Singing**

# Is the Authority to: Sing or Play or Both

**“Sing unto thy Name” Romans 15:9**

**“Sang Praises” Acts 16:25**

**“Sung Praises” Matt. 26:30**

**“Singing hymns” Col. 3:16**

# Therefore God's word

Must be taken seriously.

**Matt. 7:21**

**We must do the  
Fathers Will.**

**What is the Fathers will for:  
Singing in Worship???**

# **By Following His Son (Jesus Christ)**

**Not by following the practices of the  
Old Law.**

**Col. 2:14-23**

**The blood of Bulls can not take away Sins**

**Hebrews 9:4**

# **Here is the Dividing Line**

**Those who DO the Fathers will and those  
who DO NOT.**

**James 1:21-25**

# Who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven???

Those who Hear God's Word

Romans 10:17

Those who Believe in Christ

Acts 8:37

Those who Repent of their Sins

Luke 13:3

Those who Confess Jesus Name

Matt. 10:32-33

# Don't Leave Out

Those who are Baptized for the Remission of their Sins.

Acts. 2:38

Acts 22:16

Romans 6:4

Acts 10:47-48

Colossians 2:12

Ephesians 5:26

Mark 16:15-16

1 Peter 2:21

Galatians 3:26-27

Matt. 28:18-20

John 3:23

1 Corinthians 12:13