

# Only Believers Admitted!

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[John 6:29 *believe on him God sent*; Acts 2:38 repent, baptized, gift of the Spirit; Acts 5:32 given to those who obey; 2 Corinthians 5:17 *Christ within; new person without*; Matthew 6:14-15 if we forgive, God forgives; if we do not, He cannot;

Matthew 18:34 *tormented*; 35 *unless you forgive from your heart*; Ephesians 4:32 forgive *others* as Christ forgave you; James 2:13 no mercy if we don't show mercy; Proverbs 16:7 *When our ways please the LORD—enemies become friends*; Philippians 4:9 what we hear & learn, do!]

If only believers are admitted into God's kingdom, then it is imperative that we define the term **believer** correctly. Anyone accepted into Heaven will have met God's requirement for entering.

AV John 6:29 "This is the work of God [this is above all the thing that God requires WEY]—that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

No one can afford to make a mistake in defining what a **believer** in Jesus really is—and God will enable us to know if we diligently seek to know that from God.

A **believer** does not resent; does not get even or angry when treated unfairly; does not strike back but places such things into God's hands. A **believer** treats others with kindness and consideration.

The Spirit of God enables us to obey the Word of God—and if we repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus AV Acts 2:38 "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Obedying the Word is evidence we have God's Spirit within—and this is believed without seeing or feeling anything—just accepting the Word in faith that His Spirit is in our heart.

If our willingness to **believe** and the commitment to **do** the will of God is real, then the Holy Spirit comes into our heart as He did for those in the Bible.

The Spirit cannot take possession of our heart *against* our will—it must be a full surrender to God on **our** part.

Satan uses false teaching to deceive people into accepting *deliberate disobedience* of God's **Word** or to tolerate *deliberate rebellion* of His will.

The longer we tolerate rebellion and disobedience, the more *entrenched* they become—*neither* can be tolerated for a moment and we can make *no* excuses to not meet things in a scriptural way.

When difficult situations or insulting remarks are met in a right way, such things will diminish—those problems seem to disappear, because those who treated us *wrongly* are now inspired to treat us *kindly*.

When we maintain a Christ-like attitude toward all people—at work, in the home, during school, with friends and family, or whatever else may arise, we will see that these things are valuable *learning-lessons* from God.

It is a real blessing when He shows us something that was leading us in the *wrong direction* to the *wrong destination*.

Wanting to be on scriptural *grounds* and having a scriptural *attitude* concerning things we deal with each day, is what a **believer** in Christ wants to do.

With anything met that needs a response, we are to find out what the Bible says, and be willing to **do** as it says.

There would be billions of *less* people in the lake of fire pleading for relief from the torture, if they had asked that **same** question and then been willing to **do** as God instructs.

If we think back to what our past responses were to difficult situations and insulting remarks, we will recall the times we got upset and resentful over things that *could* have benefited us and *could* have us change those wrong attitudes.

Every situation met in God's way will make us stronger in His Truth, and it will enable God to give us the blessings He *wants* to give us—peace, protection, provisions, contentment, and every other good gift He is waiting to give. It is our *inheritance* and God wants us to *have* it.

He does *not* want us to experience pain, poverty, trials, and trouble, but He wants us to experience the *opposite* by our meeting things *right* and trusting Him for His Spirit to help us.

Every mean thing *said* to us, or every unkind act *done* to us—is an opportunity for us to allow God to *teach* us and *lead* us into His will on that matter.

It is to *perfect* our faith in God on the issue and to eliminate any human power of self we may have used.

Difficult things are met for that *purpose*—and if met *right* the problem is corrected—but if *not* met right, the situation worsens as that *wrong response* instills a *wrong attitude* in us—leading us in the *wrong direction*.

Such things are connected to eternity and affect our life today. No matter *what* has taken place; *what* anyone has said; or *who* offended us, there can be *no* resentment in our heart against that person—none!

Everyone has four personalities—The **first** is what *outsiders* think we are by our outward behavior; The **second** is what our *family* knows by living in the same house with us; and the **third** is what we think we are.

What the *world*, our *family*, or *we* think is our true character is *not* our true personality. The real person is the **fourth** personality—what *God* knows about us.

Any attitude of self and acting like the world must be changed, renewed, and transformed to a much different one.

God has a *pattern* to follow for every life on earth—and no one has any right to follow any *other* pattern but the one God explains in His Book.

Satan can *ruin* the best person and God can *change* the worst person—it's all about who we choose to control our attitude.

If we will give God our heart and be willing to meet things according to His Word, real change results.

AV 2 Corinthians 5:17 “*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*”

When we allow God to bring *change* to our attitudes, all who interact with us will treat us in a much different way.

NKJV Proverbs 16:7 “*When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*”

With any trial, test, or temptation we encounter—at work; in the home; during school, or interacting with friends—we are not to change *our* attitude toward them—even though *their* attitude toward *us* may not be what it *should* be.

We are *not* to blame the *person* but the *devil* who is back of every mean act done to us.

If we help someone out of the kindness of our heart, and they return *meanness* for *goodness*, Satan suggests things like—*Is that how they treat you, after you helped them—maybe you should give them the same treatment they gave you!* The *devil's* suggestions are always *opposite* to the *Lord's* instructions.

NKJV Matthew 6:14-15 “*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their*

*trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*”

Any offense toward us is a valuable opportunity to obey the *Word* of God. Tough things are met to see if we will follow Bible instructions—to see if we are a *believer* in the One God sent to us to *show* us the *way* and to change any wrong *attitude* in us.

To Keep in Memory: *If I forgive that person then God forgives me.*

The instruction is so clear NIV Ephesians 4:32 “*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*”

The *blessings* God wants us to have can be received by meeting things like a *believer*; the *problems* we encounter result from meeting things like an *unbeliever*.

The key to success is asking for the Holy Spirit to control our responses.

Eternal life is hard-wired to meeting things according to God's Word, because it involves *acting faith* in the Atonement of Christ—which is the only *valid faith*.

We are to trust *God* through all trials and tests, and to meet things in a scriptural way by His Spirit, no matter *what* the situation was, or *who* it involved.

AV Philippians 4:9 “*Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do.*”

All difficult situations met will show whether we are a *believer* in Jesus, or if we are *not* a believer in Him.

Offensive acts against us are valuable *learning lessons* but are usually wrapped in unpleasant *packages*.

Not many people in the world have their sins forgiven—even though it is possible to *be forgiven*

by following God's pattern of repentance and faith in Him.

The man who would *not forgive* a minor debt, Jesus said, was AV Matthew 18:34 “*Delivered to the tormentors; 35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.*”

We are *not* to act any differently toward the one who harmed us, wronged us; or insulted a loved one.

Great spiritual benefits in *this* life and in the *next* life will be received if we truly *forgive* people from our heart. Forgiving enemies is linked to entering Paradise.

We have all *sinned* so we all need God's *mercy, forgiveness, and grace*, but NLT James 2:13 says “*There will be no mercy for you if you have not been merciful to others.*

*But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.*”

Whenever we meet an offense or an insult according to God's plan of responding—and we truly *forgive* the person for that treatment—God can change *their* attitude toward us, and He can make *them* our friend.

The spiritual value of responding with forgiveness cannot be calculated—neither in this life, nor the *eternal* one to come.

Forgiving everyone from our heart by the help of God's Spirit is the only way we *can* forgive. Forgiving and forgetting it happened—that defines a *Believer!*



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