

# Qualify to Enter

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Titus 3:3 *We ourselves were also once foolish,*  
Eph. 2:8 *For by grace are ye saved through*  
Matthew 19:17 *If you want to enter into life*  
Romans 4:16 *Therefore it is of faith, that it*

1 Isn't it the only thing of real importance to us—to *Qualify to Enter* Heaven?

2 And to qualify is to have real faith and trust on God—a faith that is *real* and *remaining* on Him through all tests.

3 We must *know* the standard of faith to *qualify for Heaven*. To those whose faith was *not* valid Jesus called *hypocrites* NKJV Matthew 15:8 *"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me."*

4 At some point we will *all* appear before God—it is *then* that everyone will know if they are *saved* or *sentenced*; whether they *believe* or *not believe*. There will be *no* excuses given and *none* accepted.

5 The apostle AV Revelation 20:11 *"Saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it."* He said that *small* and *great* stood before God 12 to give an *account for how they lived on earth*.

6 15 *"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*

7 Jesus gave serious warnings because of the serious *consequences* of not having true faith in Him.

8 AV Luke 21:36 *"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."*

9 There are only *two* possible destinations after this life—we head for *one* or we qualify for the *other*.

10 Many believe that there *is* a Heaven or a Hell after this life, but they do not know what *qualifies* a person for one place or the other.

11 Everyone heads toward the *wrong* one from birth—NKJV Titus 3:3 *"We ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another."*

12 That was before we knew better and did something about it by repenting—then AV Titus 3:4 *"After that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared;*

13 And 7 *being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."*

14 It is right to do *good* things; to help people when possible; and to remember the poor—but these things have no merit of themselves to qualify us for Heaven. If they did, we could *boast*, but no one can boast—

15 AV Ephesians 2:8 *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."*

16 Society judges people on the work they *do* or *do not* do—it knows no *other* way.

17 Good *deeds* are just good *things* that we *should* do as the Holy Spirit inspires us to do them, but there is no *merit* connected to them.

18 WEY Luke 17:10 *"When you have obeyed all the orders given you, must say, 'There is no merit*

*in our service: what we have done is only what we were in duty bound to do.'"*

19 If good people go to Heaven and *bad* people go to Hell, then we have to define *good* and *bad* before knowing how to *qualify for Heaven*.

20 Jesus said the *"Hour is coming"* AV John 5:25, 29 when those in graves will *"Come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."*

21 To do what is *good* is to keep the Word of God in our *heart*, so we can *keep* trusting Him in faith through any trial we encounter.

22 Doing *good* is certainly *accepting* the teaching of the Bible—which means: *asking* God to teach us *how* to trust Him to heal our oppressions; *how* to trust Him for each day's needs; and *believing* He will *answer* the prayer placed before Him in faith.

23 Our eternal *destination* will be determined by the *standard* of faith God has explained in the Bible.

24 We must *know* the criterion that determines whether a person has lived up to the Bible definition of *good* or *valid* faith.

25 *No one* meets that divine standard at first because *no one* has faith in God at first—or at least until their heart is converted from *reliance on self*, to *dependence on God*.

26 It is all based on our *faith* in Christ. AV Romans 3:22 *"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe."*

27 If we have *all sinned* then we have *all missed* the mark—and if our faith in God is lacking, we would not qualify for Heaven.

28 AV Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

29 Everyone needs *Jesus* AV Romans 6:22 *"Now being made free from [the tyranny of WEY] sin,*

*and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end [the final result] WEY everlasting life."*

**30** Believing faith in the Atonement sacrifice of Christ is the *standard* of faith that qualifies us for His kingdom.

**31** Some make the mistake of calling *good, works*—then quoting AV Ephesians 2:9 "*Not of works, lest any man should boast,*" but 8 explains "*For by **grace** are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift** of God.*"

**32** We need to know *when* we sin so we can *repent*. AV Psalm 19:7 "*The law of the LORD is perfect, **converting** the soul.*"

**33** The Ten Commandments turns us back to God in faith and trust. WEY 1 John 3:4 "*Every one who is guilty of **sin** is also guilty of violating **Law**.*"

**34** The Law refers to the Commandments. AV Romans 7:7 "*What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet*" Exodus 20:17.

**35** To covet is to strongly desire *something* that belongs to *another*. This is the *tenth* Commandment and Moses is given the Commandments twice! Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21. These commandments are guidelines to instruct us how to live godly lives.

**36** Jesus gave the young ruler the standard of faith for being qualified for Heaven—NKJV Matthew 19:17 "*If you want to enter into life, **keep the commandments**.*"

**37** This *keep the Commandments* is written *four* times—Matthew 19; Mark 10; Luke 10; Luke 18.

**38** A lawyer asked: "*Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*" Jesus replied Luke 10:26 "*What is written in **the law**? how readest thou?*"

**39** The Commandments define the Christian life of faith and continuing trust on God.

**40** Being a *Christian* does not mean being *free* to do whatever we *want*. Jesus says NKJV John 8:34 "*Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a **slave of sin**.*"

**41** Being a *slave* is not being *free* but being *bound*. AV John 8:36 "*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*"

**42** If an apartment on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor had no railings on the balcony, we would never go onto the balcony—it would be too dangerous.

**43** If we put strong railings in place, we might go out and even *lean* on the railings. Once there is a *boundary* we have freedom *inside* that boundary.

**44** Some think they are free to do *anything* they want—but they are actually *slaves* to the consequences of their choices.

**45** NKJV Galatians 5:1 "*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*"

**46** God gives us *commands* to live by—so when we stay *within* these boundaries we are *free* from the bondage to sin.

**47** If we step *outside* these boundaries, it is like stepping over the railing of the twentieth-floor balcony. The consequences of being rebellious are disastrous!

**48** A recent study said 97% of Americans believe the Ten Commandments are guidelines for living, but only 5% could name three or more.

**49** The Law can tell us what we need to *know* to guide us toward Heaven. The moral laws of God are the Ten Commandments of Scripture. We must meet God's *standard* of behavior when we *stand* before Him on that day.

**50** AV Exodus 20:2 "*I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*"

**51** He must be the focal point of our love—and our relationship with Him must be the most important thing in our life.

**52** We all worship something! If it is not God, then it will be *something*, some *interest*, or *someone* else.

**53** The young ruler's *possessions* had his *focus* and his *affection*. His *money* had *first place* in his *heart*.

**54** He couldn't get past the *first* of the Ten Commandments because he *had* another god ahead of the only God!

**55** The *standard for salvation* is from the *Author of salvation* Hebrews 12:2.

**56** If we love *anything more* than Jesus, we are *not worthy* of Him. NKJV Matthew 10:38 "*He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is **not worthy of Me**.*"

**57** We are saved by *grace* but that includes a trusting *faith*—AV Romans 4:16 "*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace!*"

**58** To *qualify to* enter Heaven—just keep our *faith* in the Author of Salvation!



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