

The Mission of the Kingdom, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. We are responsible to spread the gospel wherever we can.
- B. There are few that find their way into salvation. (Matthew 7:13)
- C. The broad road is marked “heaven”—it just does not get there. False prophets sell tickets to the broad way.
- D. There is a way of presenting the gospel without giving false hope.
- E. Text: Matthew 19.

II. The rich young ruler came to Christ looking for salvation because of an emptiness in his life. Most come to Jesus because of a false need.

III. Jesus’ first response was to keep the commandments.

- A. They must not only be kept on the outside, but the inside.
- B. The rich young ruler said that he had kept the commandments.
- C. Jesus used the commandments as a way to address the man’s sinfulness.
- D. The gospel cannot be presented without the need for repentance from sin.
- E. No salvation takes off repentance and the Lordship of Christ.

IV. To believe the facts of the gospel is to believe in the supremacy of Jesus Christ and the need for repentance. (James 2)

- A. Demonic faith is belief only.
- B. Real faith produces.

V. Jesus says that it is impossible for a rich man to be saved by his riches.

Application Questions:

1. What relationship does the gospel have to repentance?

2. How do grace and obedience relate to each other in the gospel?

3. What are some other false ways of thinking about getting into heaven? Explain.
