

How to Obtain Eternal Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 19:16-22. (Luke 14:33)

B. One must forsake all that he has to be the Lord's disciple. Salvation is for people who forsake all.

C. We work hard to get people to the place where they will receive eternal life, but the man in this text merely asks Jesus. (John 3:16)

D. How does one obtain eternal life?

II. Only when one gains divine life can he responds to the divine environment.

A. This refers to a new kind of life.

B. This means having a quality of being alive to God.

III. It is necessary to seek diligently with eternal life. (Mark 10:17)

IV. It must come from the right source. (John 5:11, 20, Acts 4:12, John 6:28)

V. God has to be involved--salvation is not a psychological thing. Understanding the sin problem is central to receiving salvation.

VI. Confession of sin is essential to salvation. This depends upon the work of the Holy Spirit. (Mark 10)

VII. True salvation includes a submission to obey the Lord. Unless Jesus Christ is the number one priority, there is no salvation for you. (Luke 19)

Application questions:

1. Why does salvation imply commitment?

2. Why must someone have an understanding of his or her own sin to come to salvation?

3. How would you respond to someone who says that he is saved by some other power than Jesus? Explain.
