

What Must I Do to Go to Heaven?
Let's Go
Mark 10:17-31

I. It is easy to go to Heaven (Mark 10:17-22)

John 3:16

John 1:12

John 10:28

2 Corinthians 8:9 – “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.”

II. It is harder than you think (Mark 10:23-27)

1 Timothy 6:17 – “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”

III. It is better than you think (Mark 10:28-31)

2 Corinthians 4:17 – “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison...”

Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

Ephesians 1:17-18 – “that the God ... may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints...”

Growing Deeper This Week

1. How do churchgoing Christians sometimes make it look like our faith walk is based on what we do? How can we change this perception?
2. Is it possible for a person to keep the last six of the ten commandments? How do Matthew 5:22, 28 and 22:36-40 raise the bar for what the world would call “perfection”? How is perfection different for being a Christ follower since Christ is our perfection?
3. Why did Jesus make this particular demand of the rich young ruler? What demand might He make of you? (What is your identity? What is your savior?)
4. Is wealth evidence of God’s favor? How can it also be an impediment to salvation? What determines your opinion about money: your culture or the Bible and how do you know?
5. Are there some people who have the gift of managing money for the kingdom and others who do not? What are the characteristics of this gift? Do you have the gift?
6. Is it wrong to seek a reward? How is the reward of discipleship better than anything the world has to offer?
7. Why did Jesus mention “persecutions” (v. 30) among the rewards of discipleship? Does this kind of disclosure seem like a good policy for evangelism? Pray for someone to know the risen Christ.