

# The Gospel of Luke

*a verse-by-verse study*

## Session 30

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## CHAPTER 18

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**15** And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

**16** But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

**17** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

**Luke 18:15-17**

- **#1. Make sure you do not decide whom you think the Father will draw to Himself,**  
– after all, He chose you!

# The Kingdom of God?

## Citizens of the Realm

### Salvation & Eternity Assured

Lack of power and authority

Doubting, Double-minded

Sown to the Flesh

Build with wood, hay and stubble

### Children of the kingdom

**Power & Authority Granted**

**Inheritance & Rewards Promised**

**Treasure in Heaven**

**Overcomers**

**Taken the kingdom by force**

**Have the keys of the kingdom**

**Rule & Reign with Christ**



# Laboring to Enter In

## Two Gates:

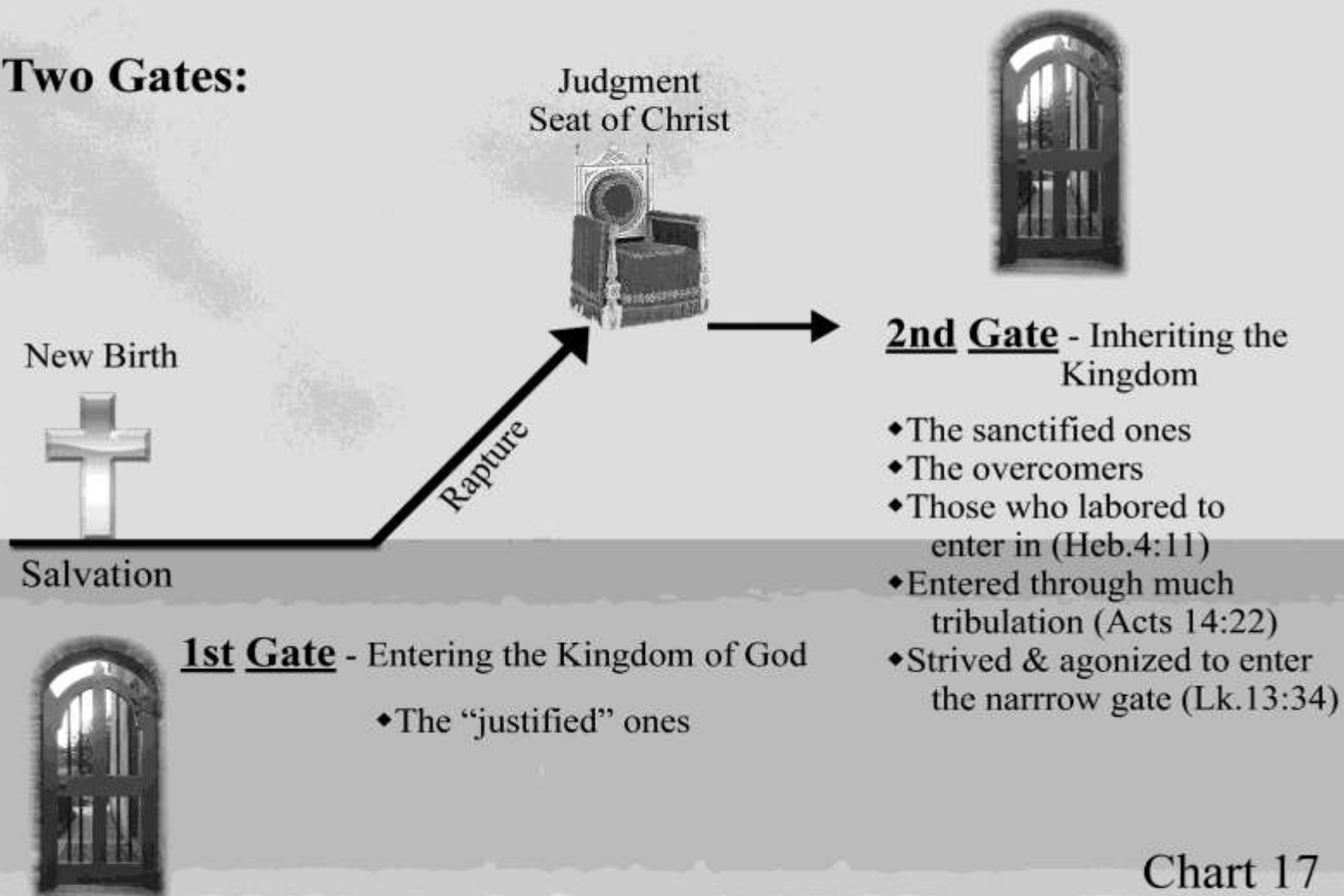


Chart 17

# Child-like Faith

- *Oh, if only God's people would humble themselves and return to childlike faith, believe every word He says, and not doubt His ways, what glory would shine from the Church today. Ponder upon a nursing baby. This child does not doubt or question mum, if she is able to give milk or not, or if she is willing to give milk. This faith filled child without question readily receives what he or she needs. This is what childlike faith is like. It is the most powerful faith there is. It truly believes all the promises and receives all of the benefits that God has for them, because they do not doubt, but believe without question, so they easily enter into the kingdom of God.*

Becky Dvorak

# Child-like Faith

- *Years ago in our children's home, I was talking with little ones about what they would like for Christmas. After they shared their list of heart's desires, Joaquin, our now adopted, grown son said to me back then, mom, I want a merry-go-round.*
- *At first, I thought “wow, now that's quite the gift. How are we going to swing this one?” But I thought about it again for a moment and said, “Ok kids, who wants a merry-go-round?” They all raised their hopeful hands in the air. “Let's pray and you ask Jesus for a merry-go-round. I'll believe with you”.*
- *And with excitement in their voices they all asked Jesus for this special gift.*

Becky Dvorak

# Child-like Faith

- *As parents, we need to teach our kids about the fun-loving side of Jesus and teach them how to believe right where they are. Hey, many teach them to write a letter to Santa Claus and make believe he listens and rewards their innocent beliefs and good behaviours.*
- *I figure how much more should we teach our children to believe in the real thing, Jesus, and teach them how to have faith for things that require big faith. And yes, for all these little ones the merry-go-round was a big item to trust Jesus for. But we didn't just end it with a prayer of faith, we took it to the next level. For the next few days we gathered together and declared words of faith, "Thank you, Jesus, for a brand new merry-go-round".*

Becky Dvorak



# Child-like Faith

- *Our fun-loving Jesus so enjoys when His children young and old and somewhere in between activate this amazing gift of faith and speak with confidence to Him as if they believe He's real. He actually listens to them and cares about their wants and desires to. That it pleases Him, and He delivers their simple wish.*
- *It wasn't but a few days later when I received an e-mail from a family in Guatemala saying they would like to give a special gift to the children in our home for Christmas, and asking if I have a suggestion.*
- *Of course, I suggested a merry go round and they loved the idea, agreed to it, and then contracted someone to construct one and deliver it - in time for Christmas!*

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18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.

20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

**Luke 18:18-21**

- There are two Greek words for 'good':
  - Kalos (externally pleasing)
  - Agathos (intrinsically good)

# Good Master

- *The ruler called him good teacher, using the word 'agathos'. Yeshua answered the ruler's question with a question of his own: "Why do you call me 'agathos' if only God is intrinsically good?"*
- *Yeshua declared himself to be the Messianic King; hence, He claimed to be intrinsically good.*
- *Now the question was: does this ruler agree or disagree? The ruler should have responded, "I call you good because you are God".*
- *Had he answered Yeshua that way, he would have answered his own question, for the one thing he had to do to receive eternal life was to accept Him as the Messianic God-Man. However, the ruler remained silent.*

22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

**Luke 18:22**

- **Jesus told him to do 3 things:**
  - 1) First, he should 'sell everything' and get rid of his wealth to show his love for God, since that kept him from trusting God
  - 2) Second, 'give to the poor', to show love for his neighbour.
  - 3) Third, 'come follow me', to show he accepted you sure as the Messiah

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

**Luke 18:23-25**

- Contrast this man's reluctance to humble himself and trust Jesus to the child-like faith Jesus had just spoken about!

26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

**Luke 18:26-27**

- You are not saved because of wealth, riches, position, knowledge or ability...
- You can only be saved by humbly accepting Jesus' atoning work in your place!
  - With God it is possible!

28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**Luke 18:28-30**

- This is a promise from Jesus!
- Do you believe it?
- Q. What could prevent it?
- A. Unbelief!

31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.

34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

**Luke 18:31-34**



# All things written...

- Genesis
  - The Seed / Abraham / Melchizedek / Joseph
- Exodus
  - The Passover Lamb / The Tabernacle
- Leviticus
  - Sin offering / Guilt Offering / Peace Offering
- Numbers
  - The Serpent on the Pole
- Deuteronomy
  - The water from the Rock (struck 1<sup>st</sup> time)

35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:

36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

**Luke 18:35-39**

40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

**Luke 18:40-43**

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