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How to Get Eternal Life

Rethinking God

part 1



1. Realize God May _____

Mt. 19:16-17a

¹⁶ Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

¹⁷ "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good." (NIV)

2. Ponder _____

3. Affirm the _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. In your own words, explain why "the gospel begins with God". Why is an accurate understanding of God an essential starting point to "getting eternal life"? In other words, what is the danger in assuming that people know what kind of God we are talking about when we begin explaining the gospel to them?
2. Read **Psalm 50:17-21**. Describe how this is happening today (i.e., redefining God to suit one's preferred moral choices).

What are some of the practical hazards in "thinking God is more like us" than he actually is?

3. List some of the errors that creep into the gospel message when we no longer see God as an absolutely perfect Being?

How does the gospel change when God is no longer the foundation and the center of the gospel message?

4. Read **Acts 17:11**. How can one keep the appropriate balance between "eager reception" and "examining the Scriptures to verify" the content of people's perspectives and teachings about God?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

March 30th

Deut. 27-28 & Lk. 14

March 31st

Deut. 29-30 & Lk. 15

April 1st

Deut. 31-32 & Lk. 16

April 2nd

Deut. 33-4 & Lk. 17

April 3rd

Josh. 1-2 & Lk. 18

April 4th

Josh. 3-4 & Lk. 19

April 5th

Josh. 5-6 & Lk. 20

April 6th

Josh. 7-8 & Lk. 21

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0504 – **The Gospel: Beginning at the Indispensable Starting Point**

CD # 0555 – **The Lordship of Christ: What to Do When God Says "Jesus is Lord"**

CD # 0628 – **Impeccable Promises & Divine Character**

CD # 0568 – **Kindness & Repentance: God's Strategic Use of His Incredible Grace**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Adams, Jay. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image**. Harvest House, 1986.

Carson, D. A. **The Gagging of God: Christianity Confronts Pluralism**. Zondervan, 1996.

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Erickson, Millard J. **God the Father Almighty: A Contemporary Exploration of the Divine Attributes**. Baker Books, 1998.

Metzger, Will. **Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity, 1984.

Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.

Packer, J. I. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1973.

Peterson, David. **Possessed by God: A New Testament Theology of Sanctification and Holiness**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Phillips, J. B. **Your God is Too Small**. Macmillan, 1961.

Pink, Arthur W. **The Attributes of God**. Baker Books, 1975.

Piper, John. **A Godward Life: Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life**. Multnomah Press, 1999.

Schaeffer, Francis. **Escape From Reason**. InterVarsity, 1968.

Tozer, A. W. **Knowledge of the Holy: The Attributes of God – Their Meaning in the Christian Life**. Harper & Row, 1961.