

Money for Nothing!

Luke 18:18-27 (Topical Message)



Question:



What shall I do to inherit Eternal Life?

Luke 18:18-27 (NASB)

¹⁸ A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'" ²¹ And he said, "All these things I have kept from *my* youth." ²² When Jesus heard *this*, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²³ But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. ²⁴ And Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ "For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God."

This question goes a lot deeper than most of us realize. The rich young ruler is thinking about his life, he is thinking about his future, he is thinking about eternity. He is thinking about the emptiness of possessions and wealth. He knows he needs something in his life, this thing called eternal life. He knows he needs to fill the hole in his heart with something more than achievements, wealth and possessions. He knows he needs this thing called eternal life, and asks Jesus how to get it.

I think all of us listening today have asked this same question if we are honest with ourselves!

So, what is Eternal Life? This conversation takes place (in the dispensation of Law) before Jesus was crucified, and resurrected. In the book of 1st John (written in the dispensation of Grace), ***the Apostle John*** describes very precisely what “Eternal Life” is after Christ was raised from the dead. It is important to know when we read the bible, if we are reading from scripture before the cross (Law), or after the cross. The rich young ruler didn’t know Jesus would be raised from the dead. That was a future event in his life.

1 John 5:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

“Eternal Life is Christ’s Life”

The ruler *claims* that he has kept the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, & 9th commandments from his youth. *This doesn't seem to hard does it.* Most of us would say we haven't committed adultery, murdered, stolen, bore false witness, and we honor our mother and father.

But what about having other Gods, having other idols, using the Lords name in vain, keeping the sabbath day, or not coveting? (Commandments 1,2,3,4 & 10)

Not so easy on these commands? Right?

Galatians 3:24-26 (NASB)

²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

How hard is it for the wealthy to inherit eternal life (enter into the kingdom of God), its easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

Which Brothers and Sisters is impossible!

All the money in the world can't buy someone eternal life. It can only give someone a false sense of security while on this earth. The rich young ruler asked what he can do to inherit eternal life (Christ's Life), Jesus is telling him to stop trusting in and depending on your wealth, to come me, to follow me and put your faith in me.

Brothers and Sisters – Money for Nothing. The coronavirus for me is exposing what I am trusting in. How about you? Yes, I have a job currently and some savings, but this could be gone very quickly. How secure is a paycheck, and how secure is the stock market, and how secure is Social Security? Not very secure, and money will never fill the hole in a man's heart.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NASB)

²⁸ "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.** ³⁰ "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Prayer

Lord Jesus I have been trusting in the security of my money and possessions. I now trust in You to be my life, security and rest. I believe You rose from the dead for the forgiveness of my sins and now live inside me. You are my life Jesus. My searching for eternal life has ended with You. From this moment forward I ask that You guide me in all Your ways and work out all things for my good. In Jesus' name. Amen