

Lord, are their few who are saved.

Luke 13:22-32

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Intro:

1. Are their few who are saved?
2. Many have different ideas about who will be saved.

I. Why such a question (Lk 13:22-23)

A. Fear of denial of a heavenly entry

1. Fear of not going to heaven seems to have at least some part in this question.
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B. Who will be saved?

1. Who are those who can have eternal life?
2. A certain people?
3. Requirements?

II. Christ's Answer (Lk 13:24-30)

A. Those who enter through the narrow gate (v.24)

1. Those who obey God's word will be able to enter.
2. Many "seek to enter and will not be able."
 - a. Even Christ says there are those who won't follow Him but won't, why?
 - b. Because they are not willing to obey Him (**Heb 5:9**)

B. Those who God's knows (v.25-28)

1. Only those who know God, through obedience, will enter.
2. Many "think" or "feel" God knows them, obedience to His will does not enter their minds.

C. From all over the world, the great and the small. (v.29-30)

1. Everyone can be a follower of Christ. It does not matter where you live or your culture.
2. It does not matter if you are "great" in the eyes of the world, or if your "small".
3. God wants the obedient, it matters not if your popular, if your wealthy, or where you are from.

III. Warning & Response

A. Why the warning (Lk 13:31)

1. The Pharisees told him to leave because Herod wanted to kill Him.
2. Christ, no doubt, was not a stranger to those who wanted to harm Him.

B. Christ's fearless & bold response (Lk 13:32)

1. Christ refers to Herod as a "fox". Herod was sly, wicked and deadly.
2. Christ responds to this warning by telling the Pharisees to tell Herod what He has done.
3. Christ responded in boldness, not with fear.

Conc:

1. Will there be few who are saved?
2. We no w know what we must to do be one of those who are saved.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.