



Main point: Ask the question: Am I going to heaven?

1. Riches are a hindrance
2. Poverty is not the answer
3. Is Jesus worth it?

**#1:**

“If we assume that Jesus commends children because of their innocence, purity, or even spontaneity, then we must conclude that the disciples’ acceptability in God’s kingdom depends on similar virtues. But, as Mark’s depiction of the disciples makes repeatedly clear, that is exactly what they are not, nor are we. We are not innocent and eager, but slow, disbelieving, and cowardly. In this story children are not blessed for their virtues but for what they lack: they come only as they are – small, powerless...the overlooked...of society. To receive the kingdom of God as a child is to receive it as one who has no credits, no clout, no claims...whatever a child receives, he or she receives by grace on the basis of sheer neediness...”

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**#2:**

“How profoundly ironic is the kingdom of God. The children in the former story who possess nothing are not told that they lack anything, but rather that the kingdom of God is theirs; yet this man who possesses everything still lacks something! Only when he sells all he has—only when he becomes like a vulnerable child—will he possess everything.”

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**#3:**

Ephesians 2:5

Even when we were dead in our trespasses, (He) made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...

**Bill Kittrell**  
**Are You Going to Heaven?**  
**Mark 10:13-31**

**Sermon Quotes**  
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**#4:**

Proverbs 10:22

The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

**#5:**

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.