

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

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What Shall I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?

Luke 18:15-30

Main Idea:

Eternal life (salvation) is obtained through repenting of self-righteousness and all forms of idolatry and following after Jesus in devoted child-like faith.

Outline:

Jesus' encounter with the "rich young ruler" overviewed in eight points:

- 1) The Lead-in
- 2) The Quest: eternal life
- 3) The Question: how to obtain it
- 4) The Demand
- 5) The Delusion
- 6) The Requirement
- 7) The Man's Response
- 8) The Lesson

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 How are disciples of Jesus “childlike”?

#2 What compelled the “rich young ruler” to seek an audience with Jesus?

He was almost certainly aware of the controversy that swirled around Jesus. Do you think he regarded Jesus as the Christ? Why not?

#3 How do you think this man might have expected Jesus to answer his question about obtaining eternal life?

How/why do you think he felt justified in saying that he had kept the law since his youth?

#4 How were the man’s riches a fatal stumbling block to him?

Why is wealth potentially so dangerous?

What other similar forms of idolatry are common in our culture today?

#5 According to the message, how may people obtain eternal life?

#6 Is it wrong for us as Christians to utilize the promises of eternal life and reward to encourage the unbelieving to repent and believe? Why or why not?