



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Welcoming Christ in Heart and Home

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Structure of Matthew 10:5–42

10:5–15: ministry and rejection

10:16–23: persecution and family

10:24–33: suffering like the master

10:34–39: persecution and family

10:40–42: ministry and welcome



1. Christian conversion means welcoming Christ into the home of your heart (10:40)

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Matthew 10:11–14

¹¹ “And whatever **town or village** you **enter**, find out who is worthy in it and **stay there until you depart**. ¹² As you **enter the house**, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.”



John 14:23

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”



Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”



2. Christian hospitality means welcoming Christ into the heart of your home (10:41–42)

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Hebrews 13:2

Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it.



Matthew 5:11–12

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.



Grace upon Grace

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