

# Who enters Christ's Kingdom and Why?

Grace Bible Chapel

Outline: Mat. 25:32-46

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**Context:** In our text the nations are gathered before the Lord Jesus sitting on His judgment seat following the time of the tribulation and His second coming (Vs. 24:29). These are those yet living on the earth after Christ's coming. He separates them to His left and to His right. His judgment upon them is not based on what most Christians would consider as the basis for their entry into the Lord's kingdom but is instead on what they did in relation to other Christians during the time of tribulation. Most in conservative Christian circles are being taught that acceptance of Jesus is all that is required to enter His kingdom. Here, there is no mention of such. The focus is upon obedience to Christ who commanded Christians to love one another or put another way – the focus is on conversion leading to expressed actions pleasing to God. Christ is making it clear that, "Every good tree produces good fruit" (Matt. 7:19), and this is therefore the basis of His judgment. Those in Christ, love who and what Christ loves. Some very good theologians believe those with the needs mentioned during the tribulation are referring to saved Jews who are being particularly targeted for persecution, and that the word nations would be better translated gentiles. This may well be, but regardless of whether saved Jews or Gentiles the principle remains the same. Those truly saved and prepared to enter Christ kingdom have a converted heart.

## **Broad outline of Sermon on Mount (underlined> is the immediate context).**

- I. Complex Questions
- II. Circumstances
- III. Compelling Answers (Matt. 24:1-44)
- IV. Circumspect Living (Matt. 24:45-25:30)
- V. Coming in Judgment (Matt. 25:31-46)

### Key Words (Vs. 32-46)

- hungry (4)
- sick (4)
- thirsty (4)
- Extent (2)
- Blessed
- cursed

## Introduction:

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### • The Subjects (Vs. 25:32-33)

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### • The Division (Vs. 25:34, 41, 46)

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### • The Basis (Vs. 25:35-39; 42-44)

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### • Their Reality (Vs. 25:40, 45)

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### • Closing:

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