

Conversion & Humility

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Matthew 19:13-14, *“Some children were brought to Jesus so that He might lay hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*

Mark 9:34, *“The disciples had argued about who was the greatest.”*

Matthew 18:1, *“At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”*

Matthew 18:2-3, *“And Jesus called a child to Himself and set the child before the disciples, 3 and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

1. Conversion is a Prerequisite to Salvation

Convert: to turn, to change

Matthew 13:44, *“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”*

2. Becoming like Children is a Prerequisite to Salvation

Matthew 18:4, *“Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”*

3. Humility is a Prerequisite to Salvation

Philippians 2:7-8, *“Jesus emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant. ⁸ He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*

John 13:13-14, *“You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”*