ENTERING IN TO LIVE

Luke 13: 24

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INTRODUCTION

1. In our text Jesus tells the disciples to "strive to enter in at the strait gate" or "the narrow door".
   (1) He is to strive to enter in at the narrow way because it leads to life -- Matt. 7:14.
   (2) "Strive" is the word used in contending for a prize in games.
   (3) Jesus said, "For many . . . will seek to enter in, and shall not be able".

I. INTO WHO AND WHAT SHOULD WE ENTER IF WE ARE TO ENTER IN TO LIVE?

1. We must enter into Christ -- Gal. 3:27.
   (1) In Him are all spiritual blessings -- Eph. 1:3.
2. We must enter into the Death of Christ -- Rom. 6:3.
   (1) Here we contact His blood -- John 19: 33 - 34.
3. We must enter into the Kingdom of Christ -- Matt. 18:3; Col. 1: 13.
4. We must enter in at the strait gate -- Matt. 7:13.
5. We must enter into the joy of the Lord -- Matt. 25:21.
6. We must enter into the City -- Rev. 22:14.
7. We must enter into that Rest -- Heb. 4:11.

II. WHO CAN ENTER THESE THINGS??

1. Who can enter into Christ??
   (1) The Man who:
      2. Repents -- Acts 2:38
      3. Confesses -- Acts 8: 36 - 37
      4. Is Baptized -- Gal. 3:27

2. Who can enter into the death of Christ?
   (1) The man who will be baptized into His death -- Rom. 6:3.

3. Who can enter into the Kingdom?
   (1) The Converted -- Matt. 18:3
   (2) They that do the Will -- Matt. 7:21
   (3) Those who are Born Again -- John 3:3 - 5

4. Who can enter at the Strait Gate?
   (1) Those who will walk in the light as He is in the light -- I John 1:7.

5. Who can enter into the Joy of the Lord?
   (1) The good and faithful servant -- Matt. 25: 21, 23
   (2) Heb. 6:10
6. Who can enter into the City?
   (2) Those who are written in the Lamb's book of life -- Rev. 21:27.

7. Who can enter into that Rest?
   (1) Those that labor -- Heb. 4:11.
   (2) I Cor. 15:58

III. WHY MANY SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER
2. Some are hindered -- Luke 11:52.
4. Some try to enter by the ways of men -- Matt. 7:21-23.
5. Some wait too long --
   (1) Some who are not far from the Kingdom wait too long -- Mark 12:34

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOT TO ENTER IN?
1. One is damned -- Mk. 16:16; 2 Thess. 2:12.
2. One is cast out -- Matt. 25:30.
4. Fire and Brimstone -- Rev. 21:8.
6. The Second Death -- Rev. 20:14

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