The Only Ones

Tony Mauck · Luke 13:23–30

INTRODUCTION

- I do not belong to a denomination called Church of Christ.
- I want everyone to be saved … just as God does. God would have all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.
- If more people reside in heaven eternally than I think will, that's okay with me.

1 Those Who Walk the Narrow Way

Matthew 7:13–14; Luke 13:24–30

- There is a narrow gate and a narrow way that leads to life, and few there be that find it.
- Only those traversing the narrow way will reap life.
- The narrow way is what God says it is, and what he has described in his word.
- The first thing you need to do is strive to enter by the narrow door, because there will be a lot of folks … who will want to enter. And will not be able.
- It's not a majority of people, but I'll tell you who the only ones are that are going to heaven, those who walk the narrow way.

2 The Innocent Will Be There

Matthew 18:3–4; James 4:6

- Unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.
- In a child, you have innocence and humility, and we've got to have those attributes.
- God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- Those who never advance to the age of accountability, they are innocent. And they will be in the presence of God.
- We don't grow up in the church. We grow up among the church, and we ourselves become members of the church when we are baptized.

3 Everyone Recognized by Heaven as a Member of Jesus' Church

Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:25–27; Revelation 19:7–8

- Everyone who is recognized by heaven as a member of Jesus' church. Those people are going to heaven.
- They have repented of sins and have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin. And everyone who does that is added by the Lord to his church.
- People can claim that they're a member of Jesus' church, but that doesn't make it so.
- There were a few who had not soiled their garments.
- Every soul wearing clean garments … are the people, the only ones who make it to heaven.

- The fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

THE CHALLENGE

Tonight is he standing at the door and knocking, asking you or asking me, let me in.

MY NOTES