

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD



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Biblical Basic Qualifications for The Kingdom of God

Nearly all prestigious job positions on earth have strict qualifications to meet before admissions. Even colleges and universities have qualifications for admissions. All earthly kingdoms as well, have basic qualifications for one to meet, before vying to be its leader. Likewise, the kingdom of heaven has strict qualifications and requirements for one to be able to enter it! It is sad and ironic that most people disregard the need to meet these qualifications while on the other hand, sacrifice a lot to meet qualifications for various positions on earth! Indeed, Jesus (Yahshua) was right when he said: "...for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." **Luke 16:8b KJV**

Do you consider the basic qualifications for the kingdom of God? Do you strive to know and meet them? If you meet Jesus today, will you ask him: 'What should I do to enter the kingdom of God? Many did ask him this when he was still on earth (**Mark 10:17**). Everything has been written for us in the bible. All the answers we need regarding this aspect are inside there. Let's get inside and see the basic qualifications for the most sought-after kingdom:

First, let's get to see how the judgement day will be. What criteria will be used? "*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*" **Revelation 20:15 KJV**. This underscores the first and most important qualification:

Ø Must be Registered in the Book of Life

While emphasizing this qualification, Messiah warned the apostles then and us now, not to be happy for the mighty works we can do by faith, both inside or outside the church, but only if our names are written in the Book of Life (**Luke 10:17-20**). Daniel as well prophesied that those whose names are written here will get great deliverance- they will be resurrected to get to everlasting life (Daniel 12:1-2). Will you be among them? Make sure your name is written in this book! There will be no shortcut or corruption! You must be registered! BUT HOW?

While talking to Moses God himself declared how a man's name can be written in the book Life! Listen to him speak here: "...Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." **Exodus 32:33 KJV**. Therefore, your name will be removed from this book if you do sin, if at all it has been written! Similarly, avoiding sin, makes your name be written in this heavenly book of life. But what is sin? The Bible defines sin to be the transgression of the law (**1 John 3:4; Romans 7:7**). Hence, avoiding sin against God, is avoiding breaking His law. This, therefore, underscores the second basic qualification for the kingdom without which your name can't be written in the Book of life:

Ø Must be Keeping The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

Every kingdom on earth has its laws which must be kept without fail or negotiation! Likewise, the kingdom of heaven has its laws which must be kept with no negotiations as regards to keeping them or not, as many people would like it be! These are the ten commandments written by God himself on two tablets of stone (**Exodus 32:15**). Keeping them makes you avoid sinning against God; hence your name will be written in the Book of Life. BUT HOW CAN I KEEP THEM?

While writing to the Romans Paul seemed to answer this question by saying, "...*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for **it is not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be..... But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God** dwells in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his..*" **Romans 8:7-9 KJV**. He emphasized the need for one to have the spirit of God so that he can be subject to the law of God, for the carnal (unspiritual) person is not able to keep the law of God. He repeated the same, with more clarity in **1 Corinthians 2:14** saying, "*But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because **they are spiritually discerned**.*" **1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV**. Hence, keeping the law of God's Ten Commandments is only possible with the help of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the third basic qualification of the kingdom of God is revealed:

Ø Must be having the Holy Spirit

As the above texts have illustrated, keeping the Ten Commandments which are vital for your name to be written in the Book of Life, is impossible without the holy spirit. No wonder, many people and preachers avoid keeping or teaching these commandments, choosing only to emphasise faith and grace for the kingdom! Just before ascending to heaven, Christ warned his apostles then, and us today, not to do anything before receiving the Holy Spirit (**Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:4,8**)! It is a comforter, a guide, a teacher and God's power given to us (**John 14:16, 25; 16:13**). It is the one to teach us how to keep the commandments! He guides us on actually avoiding sin! He comforts us whenever we are down! He gives us Divine power to overcome temptations by breaking The Commandments, hence making us righteous before God! Indeed no one can please God without this Spirit! BUT HOW CAN WE GET IT?

Peter, like Paul, answered this question in his first-ever public speech during the day of Pentecost. Listen to him speaking in **Acts 2:38**: "**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**" Acts 2:38 KJV. According to this inspired scripture, the Holy Ghost (Spirit) is only gotten through **Repentance and Baptism** in the name of Jesus (Yahshua). This therefore underscores the last basic but most important qualification for the kingdom of God:

Ø Must have Repented and be Baptized in the name of Yahshua Messiah (Jesus)

This repentance and water baptism, seem to be the most important qualification compared to the rest because it kickstarts the other steps/qualifications. It appears to be the rate-limiting step in the process of writing your name in the Book of Life. It is the first step! It is the first decision you must personally make! In his last speech on earth, Christ made it a mandatory requirement for everlasting life (**Mark 16:15-16**). He said: *Whoever **believes and is baptised** will be saved and whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

Also, while talking to Nicodemus he emphasized this water baptism-which is preceded by repentance-likening it to the new birth- saying, "... *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God***" (**John 3:3 KJV**). He went ahead to clarify this by saying, "*Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **except a man be born of WATER and of the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.***" **John 3:5 KJV**. You are said to have been born again when you have been baptized. According to **1 John 3:8**, You are born of God and you cannot sin again! You have His seed! The first birth by your parents has their seed and that of a sinful man, Adam. This natural, carnal and sinful man cannot inherit the kingdom of God unless he is born again of God through water and spirit (baptism). It is only then that the sinful man, who cannot keep the commandments of God is mortified and buried in a watery grave and a new spiritual being is resurrected (**Romans 6:3-5**). The new being after baptism clothes himself with Christ and Christ lives in him, hence, he will be able to overcome the world, please God and hence, make his name written in the Book of Life which is the ultimate goal of all human beings. In likening it to the floods which destroyed many in the days of Noah, Peter said baptism saves us nowadays and that, it is an answer to a clear conscience towards God (**1 Peter 3:21**). It is worth not ignoring it! Those who ignored the floods perished. The same way as those who ignore this water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ (Yahshua Messiah).

Dear reader, seriously consider this very important qualification for the kingdom of God for you to be numbered with the people of God and for you to get the Holy Spirit which gives you the power to keep the commandments of God and avoid sin which in turn, will make your name be written in the lamb's book of life. Having your name in the Book of Life is more important than any other prestigious qualification and position on earth! It even makes you avoid the mark of the beast or worshipping it (**Revelation 13:8**). It also makes you partake of the lord's flesh and blood which will make him live in you and resurrect you on the last day (**John 6:53-54; I Corinthians 11:28-32**) It is the greatest joy we should all strive for! The first step to it is **REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM!**

Conclusion:

Since we are all striving, regardless of our different denominations, churches and beliefs, to enter the kingdom of God, it is imperative to know and understand the biblical basic qualifications for it. While most people disregard them, thinking that this kingdom is gotten only through grace and faith, the bible and its characters, including Christ and apostles, emphasize some minimum basic qualifications which are interdependent from the first to the last. The first qualification calls for your personal conscious decision. It is like a rate-limiting step which determines the rest. The following are the qualifications from the first to the last: ***Repentance and Baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Ten Commandments, and Registration in the Book of Life***. Dear reader, do you qualify for this prestigious kingdom? Test yourself now and take action today!

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