



## “How Do We Get In?”

### The Kingdom of God ...

1. Is from “another place” (above/heaven)
2. Has a ruler (Jesus Christ)
3. Has citizens
4. Is eternal, with an eternal destiny
5. Has principles for living, that seem upside-down

### HOW DO WE GET IN? (Become citizens)

- It is very difficult. *Matthew 19:23-26 / Mark 10:23-27*
- We must become like a child. *Matthew 18:3-4*
- We must deny and lose. *Matthew 16:24-26*
- It goes beyond the righteousness of the Pharisees. *Matthew 5:20*

### Jesus give one Pharisee the answer. *John 3:1-18*

#### 1. What the Pharisees believed.

- a. Birth – Lineage – Jewish
- b. Works – Law-keeping – Religion

#### 2. What Jesus Taught.

- v. 3 See the Kingdom? Born again (“gennatha another”)
- v. 5 Enter the Kingdom? Born of water and born of Spirit

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Flesh to flesh	Spirit to spirit
Physical	Spiritual
First birth	Second birth
Earthly (natural)	Heavenly (supernatural)
Life	Eternal life

- v. 9,14-17 “How can this be?” Believe in the one and only Son that God gave, because of His love for the world.

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- A change of Kingdoms. *Colossians 1:12-14*
  - Charles Colson, Jimmy Carter, and you.
  - Are “almost” Christians in the Kingdom? Are “maybe” Christians? Are “someday” Christians?
  - You **must** be **born again!**