

## THE KINGDOM OF LITTLE CHILDREN, Mt. 18:1-6, 10

Introduction, Gulliver's Travels, part of world of little people.

Jesus said none but the childlike are in the Kingdom of God at all. And the most childlike are the greatest in this Kingdom.

## I. How we get into the Kingdom.

## A. By conversion

## A. Nature of Conversion

- (1). A change of character, Ps. 51:13; Acts 3:19;  
James 5:20
- (2). A change of mind
- (3). A change of heart.

Story of Pigs in the Mud, P.E.H. 30.

"If you want that water to be pure, all you need to do is to go up the stream a short distance and chase out the pigs that are wallowing there." Sometimes our lives are like that muddy stream. They will not be pure & clean until we get sin out

- (4). A change of conduct
- (5). Turning from self, the world, and sin.  
"Turn every one from his evil way" Jer. 25:5.  
Put off the old man, Eph. 4:22
- (6). Turning to Christ, Put on the new man, Eph. 4:24.  
Turn to the Lord, Lam. 3:40; Ps. 22:27

## B. The Necessity of Conversion

- (1). The unconverted have no right to enter the K.
- (2). " " are not fit to enter the K.

"Pigs are Pigs", P.E.H. 97.

Man who tried to scrub the pigs, sprayed them with perfume & tied beautiful pink ribbons around their necks, but that didn't change their natures. Only God can change a sinner and save him so that he is fit for heaven.

C. The Effect of conversion

- (1). Simplicity & sincerity
- (2). Humility & lowliness
- (3). Trust & faith
- (4). Teachable & inquisitive
- (5). A plain & guileless disposition
- (6). Unselfishness & Generosity

II. What our King has Done for us.

- A. He made us
- B. He loves us
- C. He died for us.

"Our Substitute", P.E.H. 94.

Story of little boy who was playing & got his clothes caught in the machinery of a country flour mill, and it was pulling him closer & closer toward it, so that it seemed he would be crushed to death by the big cogwheels. A Negro man deliberately put his elbow into the wheel, and that caused the machine to stop, and the boy's life was saved. The poor man's arm was terribly crushed and mangled. The doctors had to cut it off, but he died from the effects. He gave his life to save the little boy. He was the little boy's substitute.

The Lord Jesus became our substitute on the cross.

D. He takes care of us.

*E. He has given us everything*

III. What our King Orders us to do

- A. Love Him above all others
- B. To keep the Sabbath
- C. Not to steal or lie or take His Name in Vain
- D. To receive Him in our Hearts.

The Dirty Window Pane, P.E.H. 60

- E. To Repent of our sins & be baptized
- F. To confess Him to the world.

This is not easy. See "How Rivers Get Crooked", p.56; by following the course of least resistance, always take the easy way, on the downgrade.

G. To be His Ambassadors & tell others about Him.

The little girl who won & taught others in Afr; 52.

H. To be loyal to Him & to serve Him

I. Cooperation with other Christians; "Cow-operation"

*J. Give our all to Him.*

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