

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 9:46-48

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**"HEAVEN - IN JUST ONE EASY STEP"**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Yesterday, Standing Curbside at LAX, a man came up to me and said, "Hi I'm from Alaska and I'm a Monk" so I said "Hi, I'm from here and I'm a Pastor"

I want to share with you the path to Blissfulness.

So I said "O.K., but first, check this out, Jesus Christ loves Monks and Died for Every Monk in the World, and Non-Monks. He Took Away Our Sins at The Cross...." -

**Luke 9:46-48**

Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. :47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, :48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

## HEAVEN – IN JUST ONE EASY STEP

**1.) Step One – Be Open to the Lord**

**v.46-47a**

Then a **dispute** arose among them as to **which of them would be greatest**. :47 And Jesus, **perceiving the thought of their heart**, took a little child and set him by Him.

Matthew 18:1

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

**Mark 9:33**

**And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? :47** And Jesus, perceiving the thought (singular) of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,

Matthew 18:2

**And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,**

## STEP ONE — BE OPEN TO THE WAYS OF GOD

### 1a.) *Be open to the fact that you could be wrong* v.46

Then a **dispute** arose among them  
as to **which of them** would be greatest.

#### **dispute**

261. **dialogismo/ß dialogismos**, *dee-al-og-is-mos*; from 1260; discussion, i.e. (internal) consideration (by implication, purpose), or (external) debate: — dispute, doubtful(-ing), imagination, reasoning, thought.

a dispute, maybe because of jealousy

(Peter, James and John)

maybe because of failure

(They couldn't handle the demonized man)

#### Verse 46

as to **which of them** would be greatest.

## This Is “Not” in Christian Love

I bet you're going to be the greatest Peter”  
O' no, it's you john, you're going to be the greatest...”

#### **greatest**

3173. **me+gaß megas**, *meg'-as*  
*as in mega big, mega power, mega, mega*

#### **Matthew 18:1**

**At the same time** came the disciples unto Jesus, saying,  
**Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?**

## “At the same time”

What Time? When Time?

#### **When Jesus Had Said**

#### **Luke 9:44**

“Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man  
is about to be betrayed into the hands of men.”

#### **Mark Records That It Was The Topic Later As Well**

#### **Mark 9:33**

And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house Jesus asked them,  
**What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?**

Mark 9:34 But they held their peace

## Children Are Not Like That – They Boast About Their Daddies & Mommies.

### Judges 2:7

So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

Israel Did Great as Long as  
They Remembered the Lord's Great Works

### Psalm 126:1-3

When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream. :2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." :3 The LORD has done great things for us, *And we are glad.*

## Stop Whining, and Talk About His Greatness

### STEP ONE – BE OPEN TO THE WAYS OF GOD

**1b.) Be open to the fact that God is always right**

**v.47a**

And Jesus, **perceiving** the (singular) thought of their heart,  
took a **little child** and set him by Him.

#### perceiving

1492. ειϋδω eido, i'-do; a primary verb;

in the perfect tense – he knew, to know all, to be fully aware of what was in their hearts and minds.

#### The Lord is Always Right

(By the way – have you noticed // mom seems to know everything)

## >>> Eyes in The Back of Her Head <<<

### STEP ONE – BE OPEN TO THE WAYS OF GOD

**1c.) Be open to the fact that we need to listen to Jesus v.47**

:47 And Jesus took a **little child** and set him by Him.

Jesus Picks Up a Child – theirs no protests!  
Jesus Sets the Child Next to Himself – theirs no running away!

Jesus Did a Little Show and Tell Here

**child**

3813. **paidi+on paidion**, *pahee-dee'-on*; neuter diminutive of 3816; a childling (of either sex), i.e. (properly), an infant, or (by extension) a half-grown boy or girl; figuratively, an immature Christian: — (little, young) child, damsel.

Here's the **Show** – a little kid!  
and Here's the **Tell** – get real!

this little kid represents everything that the disciples were not. you are not being like this...

“Imagine – “what can that kid do?”

Kids Can Kill Giants – just ask David

Kids Can Speak for God – just ask Jeremiah

Kids Can Wow a King – just ask Daniel

**STEP ONE – BE OPEN TO THE WAYS OF GOD  
HEAVEN – IN JUST ONE EASY STEP**

**2.) Still Step One – to be Accepting of the Lord v.48a**

and Jesus said to them, “Whoever **receives** this little child in My name **receives** Me; and whoever **receives** Me **receives** Him who sent Me.

“Whoever receives this little child in My name

**Matthew 18:4**

**Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. receives Me (he alludes to the child's openness toward Jesus.**

**2a.) Be accepting of the simplicity of God v.48**

and Jesus said to them, “Whoever **receives** this little child...

**receives**

1209. **de+comai dechomai**, *dekh'-om-ahēe*; to be accepting of, taking in, opening up your arms to.

**Matthew 18:4**

**Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

A Childs Nature is What Kingdom Life is Like, It's What Heaven is Like...

# It's Not a Child's Nature to 'Hold a Grudge'

*(You better watch your back)*

# It's Not a Child's Nature to 'Not Forgive'

*(I'll never forget this)*

# It's Not a Child's Nature to 'Hate'

*(let me at em')*

# It's Not a Child's Nature to 'Worry'

*(Jesus don't drop me)*

You're Not Going to Heaven all Grumpy  
and Ticked Off and Upset...

## STEP ONE – BE ACCEPTING OF THE LORD

### 2b.) *Be accepting of the comparison of God v.48*

and Jesus said to them,  
"Whoever **receives** this little child in My name **receives** Me;

### There's a Powerful Word Here.

Jesus is Implying Strongly – That His Nature and a Child's Nature can Be Compared to One Another

**receives**

1209. **de+comai dechomai**, *dekh'-om-ahee*; to be accepting of,  
taking in, opening up your arms to.

### Our Problem Is - "We've Done Grown Up Already"

we're "acting our age" instead of thinking eternal.

**3 John 4** I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

## STEP ONE – BE ACCEPTING TO THE LORD

### 2c.) *Be accepting of the fullness of God v.48*

...and whoever **receives** Me **receives** Him who sent Me.

You Cannot Receive That Father,  
without receiving the Son,  
You can't receive the Son without Receiving a Child."

## STEP ONE – BE OPEN TO THE WAYS OF GOD STEP ONE AGAIN – BE ACCEPTING TO THE LORD

### HEAVEN – IN JUST ONE EASY STEP

**3.) Again, Step One – to be Responsive to the Lord**

**v. 48b**

For he who is **least** among you all - will be **great**."

**Mark 9:36**

And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, ; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. *For he who is least among you all will be great.*"

### STILL STEP ONE – BE RESPONSIVE TO THE LORD

**3a.) Respond to His kind instruction**

**v.48a**

For he who is **least** among you all - will be **great**."

**Least**

**mikro/β mikros, mik-ros´,**

little, seemingly without greatness, considered to be of no apparent value

**(Jesus was of no apparent value)**

solely based on looks and appearance alone – Jesus didn't stand out in a crowd.

**Isaiah 53:2**

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is no beauty that we should desire Him.*

**John 13:12-17**

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? :13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. :14 If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. :16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. :17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

## STILL STEP ONE – BE RESPONSIVE TO THE LORD

### 3b.) Respond to His caring voice

v.48b

For he who is **least** among you all - will be **great**.”

#### greatest

3173. **me+gaß megas**, *meg<sup>˘</sup>-as*; (including the prolonged forms, feminine megale, plural megaloi, etc.; compare also 3176, 3187); big (literally or figuratively, in a very wide application): — (+ fear) exceedingly, great(-est), high, large, loud, mighty, + (be) sore (afraid), strong, x to years.

#### Mark 10:42-44

But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **:43** Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. **:44** And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

#### Galatians 5:13

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

#### Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **:29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **:30** For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

## STILL STEP ONE – BE RESPONSIVE TO THE LORD

### 3c.) Respond to His loving heart

v.48c

For he who is **least** among you all - will be **great**.”

The “Receiving” Here Implies Acceptance, Love, Family in The Spiritual Sense.

#### Matthew 18:3

And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except** ye be **converted**, and **become as** little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

#### John 3:1-7

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **:2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” **:3** Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **:4** Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” **:5** Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **:7** Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.’”

**Psalm 8:2**

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants  
You have ordained strength, (perfected praise)

**STEP ONE – BE OPEN TO THE WAYS OF GOD**  
**STEP ONE AGAIN – BE ACCEPTING OF THE LORD**  
**STILL STEP ONE – BE RESPONSIVE TO THE LORD**

all of these things equal up to this;

# It's All Gotten with Just One Step

You & I Should Probably Ask The Question,

## **So What's In It For Me?**

*This is What's In It for You*

## **Things That Children Are:**

1. They're believing – they have faith
2. They're forgiving – they want friends
3. They're compassionate – they want people to feel better
4. They're defenseless – they have no power
5. They're tender – they know when to cry
6. They're dependent – they are vulnerable
7. They're honest – they say and speak truth

## **how do I become a child God?**

1. you **trust** again
2. you **believe** again
3. you **love** again
4. you **care** again
5. you **live** again
6. you **do** again
7. this happens by being **born** again

**John 6:37**

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

**Come Here, Come On, You Can Do It**

*End of Study*