

The Call to Come and Follow

Matthew 19: 27 thru 20: 16

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Verse 27 - 30

**What about those who actually come
and follow?**

**Everyone that has left their old life shall
receive a hundredfold**

GOD IS A GENEROUS REWARDER!

DAILY INSPIRATION

Salvation has
3 tenses

The Three Tenses of "Salvation"

Past Tense:

Separation from the *Penalty* of Sin

You have been saved.

Justification

1 Corinthians 6:11, Titus 3:5
Colossians 1:13, 14; Eph 2:8, 9
Romans 5:1, 2, Colossians 2:13, 14

Present Tense:

Separation from the *Power* of Sin

You are being saved.

Sanctification

Philippians 1:6, 2:12, 13; 2 Cor. 5:17
2 Peter 3:17, 18; Romans 8:29
2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:16, 17

Future Tense:

Separation from the *Presence* of Sin

You will be saved.

Glorification

Matthew 10:22; James 1:12
Hebrews 10:39; Revelation 2:10
Philippians 3:20, 21; 1 John 3:2

What you do in the second phase of salvation, *Sanctification*, will determine your rewards



Verse 20: 1

The Kingdom of Heaven is like

Every believer is in training for another place, another time, another dimension of life

Your kingdom training will affect your earthly walk, how you act and how you live, etc.

Verse 2 - 7

The call to Come and Follow

Jesus will talk about the general call for salvation that goes out to all humanity

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men”

Titus 2: 11

This is phase one of salvation, *justification*, declared righteous at the time of believing

This parable is about SALVATION, not rewards

God continues to pursue!

God is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance – **2 Peter 3: 9**

**God is always drawing, always convicting,
always revealing Himself to people**

There is a final 11th hour call to salvation!

There is a day when God gives a person over to their sin

This is not dependent on age, but the condition of their heart

- Confirmed in their sinful, hard heart
- The point of no return with God – this is scary and terrifying – **Matthew 13: 14-15**

Verse 8

Payday

The day accounts are settled; when you die,
there will be a payday, *so to speak*

Were you genuine, did you follow?

Or did you pretend to follow?

Did you surrender, or were you a
pretender?

ONLY GOD KNOWS!!

Matthew 7:21-23 - NKJV

21 *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”*

22 *“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’”*

23 *“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”*

Jesus said, ***“Come and Follow”***

Believe in, commit to, follow Jesus

If you are following, you will be changing!

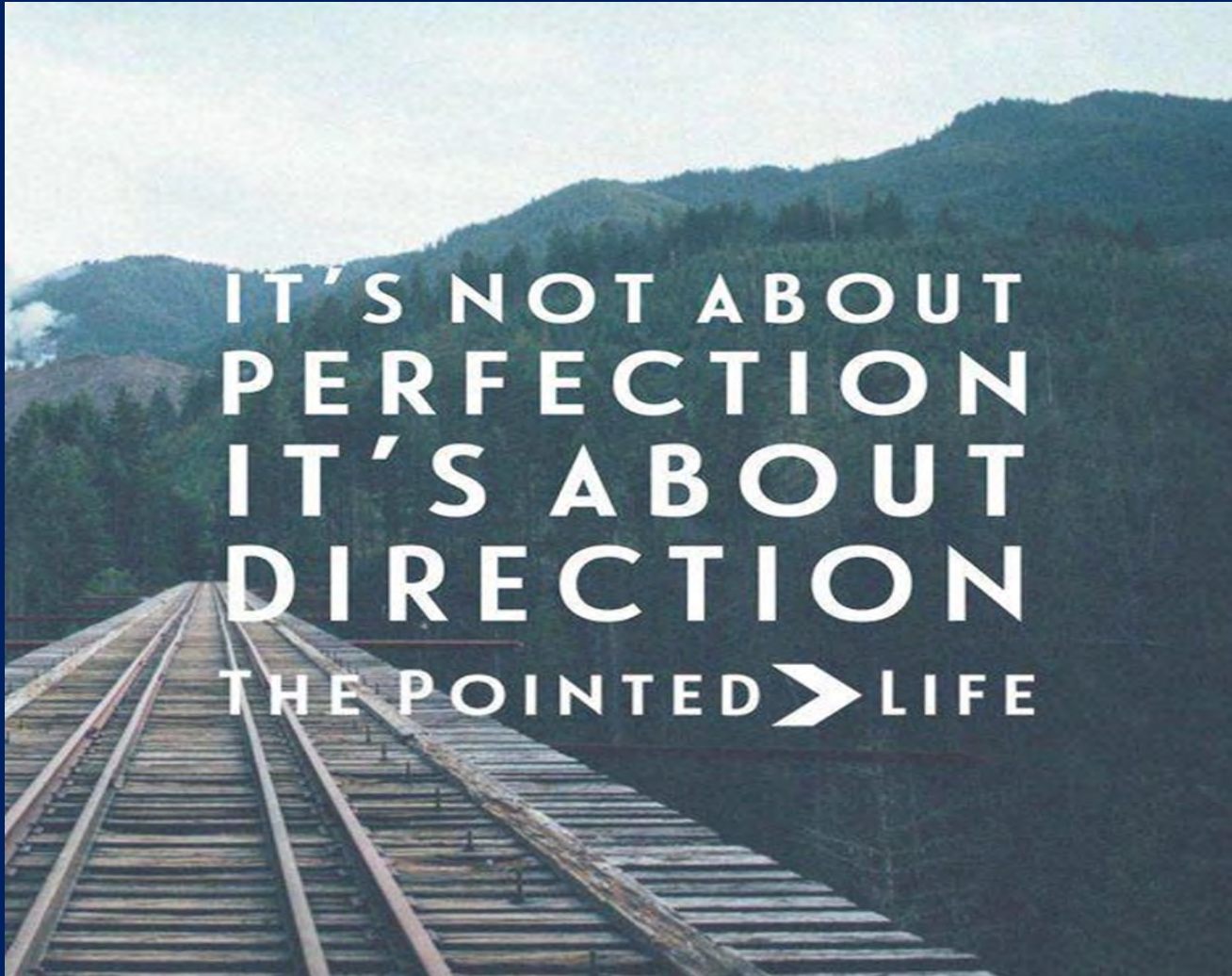
No one is truly saved without being changed!

**THEREFORE,
IF ANYONE IS
IN CHRIST,
HE IS A NEW
CREATION;
OLD THINGS HAVE
PASSED AWAY;
BEHOLD, ALL THINGS
HAVE BECOME NEW.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17




Following and obeying go hand in hand!



IT'S NOT ABOUT
PERFECTION
IT'S ABOUT
DIRECTION
THE POINTED > LIFE

**American Christianity does a lot of
rationalizing and justifying, with little
obeying**

A black and white portrait of A.W. Tozer, a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie, looking slightly to the right. The portrait is partially obscured by the text on the left.

"To escape the error of salvation by works; we have fallen into the opposite error of salvation without obedience". A.W TOZER

**Obedience isn't legalism:
it's a symptom of genuine
Salvation.**

Verse 9 - 10

**All the workers received the
same payment - *WHUTTT?!?***

It just doesn't seem fair!

**If I work more, I should be paid more –
*That's capitalism!!***

Verse 11 - 12

It's not fair!!

God is not playing by my rules!

***“I WANT TO TAKE MY BALL AND
GO HOME!!”***

WON'T PLAY BY MY RULES?



**FINE. I'LL JUST TAKE MY
BALL AND GO HOME.**

Verse 13 - 15

Salvation is not fair –
None of us deserve salvation!

When God graces someone, early, mid or late in life, ***JESUS IS THE TREASURE!***

Tetelestai = paid in full

No one deserves salvation

No one deserves anything but hell, we are all pitiful sinners



"it is finished..." (tetelestai)

"PAID IN FULL"

- *Stamped on bill or receipt that was paid in full.**
- *Stamped when a jail sentence was over.**

(John 19:30)

All are saved by grace!

All are undeserving *until* God graced us with *His Only Begotten Son*

You cannot earn Jesus; **Jesus is a grace gift, *the TREASURE!***

Treasures, in this case, are **NOT** about rewards you get for service

Treasures in heaven are all about Jesus, ***HE IS THE TREASURE - OUR GREAT REWARD!!***

Verse 16

The Jesus Way: *The last will be first*

It's not about how we look to the world, *but how we really are to God!*

Many who look good will be last, and many who don't look good will be first

GOD DOES NOT SEE AS WE SEE!

There will be no competition, no jealousy, no pecking order, in the Kingdom

Remember Who you are serving – GOD!!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and His ways are not our ways – Isaiah 55: 8

It is strange that those who were given mercy in this parable are upset because **God mercied someone later**

This is jealousy, fairness is a flesh thing, ***not a Spirit thing!***

This parable seems to be about salvation,


***JESUS IS OUR TREASURE!
OUR GREAT REWARD!!***

God has prepared a place for us –

JESUS IS OUR TREASURE!

One day soon we will arrive in our new home

JESUS IS OUR TREASURE!!!



*For the Lord himself shall descend
from heaven with a shout, with the
voice of the archangel, and with the
trump of God: and the dead in
Christ shall rise first: Then we
which are alive and remain shall be
caught up together with them in the
clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:
and so shall we ever be with the
Lord. Wherefore comfort one
another with these words,
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*

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All I can say is

“BE THERE!”

JESUS IS OUR TREASURE!!