

Christian Necessities

While entering a restaurant one evening I noticed a sign on the door that read “Shoes and shirts must be worn when entering this restaurant”. The owner of this business required certain necessities be worn by the customer if they wanted to enter. An so it is with God; if you want to enter heaven certain necessities must be worn.

I. New Birth

“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

_ “Flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of heaven” I Cor. 15:30

_ “Can’t get into the kingdom unless you are born again” John 3:7

II. Childlike Spirit

“Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” Matt. 18:3

_ A child is always trusting. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding but in all thou ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thou paths” Prov. 3:5-6

_ We must be converted or undergo a change. “If any man be in Christ he is a new creature” II Cor. 5:17

III. Spirit of Obedience

“These things I command you, that ye love one another” John 15:17

_ This is not a request it is a command from the Lord

_ When we follow his orders it will reveal to the world who we are “new commandment that I give unto you, that ye love one another by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples” John 13:35

IV. Spiritual Worship

“God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” John 4:24

_ Must know who we worship- “where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty” II Cor. 3:17

_ Must know how to worship; not in rituals; but in spirit and in truth