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What Is Striving To Enter Through The Narrow Door?

John 3: ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, 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.**' (*Anothen-born from above*)

⁶ **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

Matthew 11: ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son **and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**

John 3: ⁶ **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

1 Corinthians 15: ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

It actually reads "those that are His", so those that are owned by Him. We are bought and owned by Christ's own sacrificial blood, which provided the means by which we receive "redemption", we are now His.

Young's Living Translation:

²³and each in his proper order, a first-fruit Christ, afterwards those who are the Christ's, in his presence,

King James Version:

²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

2 Timothy 2: ¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, having this inscription: **The Lord knows those who are His, and Everyone who names the name of the Lord MUST turn away from unrighteousness.**

Matthew 20: ²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²²Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³He said to them, "You will drink my cup, **but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.**" ²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵**But Jesus called them to him** and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles **lord it over them,** and their great ones **exercise authority over them.**

²⁶ **It shall not be so among you. But** whoever would be **great** among you **MUST** be your **servant**, ²⁷and whoever would be **first** among you must be **your slave**, ²⁸even as **the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,** and to give his life as a ransom for many."

1 Corinthians 15: ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father **AFTER** (*time involved*) destroying every rule and every authority and power.

²⁵For he must reign **UNTIL** (*time involved*) he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.

²⁸**WHEN** (*time period involved-following His return*) all things are subjected to him, **THEN** (*time period involved-following His return*) the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Watch out for **sown**-referring to death, and **raised** referring to life here:

1 Corinthians 15: ⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. **What is sown is perishable**; (*does it say spiritual? No perishable*) **what is raised is imperishable**.

⁴³ **It is sown in dishonor** (*does it say in honor? No dishonor*); **it is raised in glory**. **It is sown in weakness** (*does it say in strength? No weakness*); **it is raised in power**. ⁴⁴ **It is sown a natural body** (*does it say it's sown spiritual? No natural*); **it is raised a spiritual body**. If there **is a natural body**, there is also a **spiritual body**.

Sown- is perishable-in dishonor-in weakness-a natural body-

Raised – imperishable-in glory-in power-a spiritual body

⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶**But it is NOT the spiritual that is FIRST** (*time involved*) **BUT the natural** (*the natural is defined here as being first*), **AND THEN** (*time involved*) **the spiritual**.

⁴⁷ The **first** (*see verse 46*) **man** was from the earth, a man of dust; the **second man** is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, **we shall** (*future-active-indicative*) also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Matthew 7:¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is **wide** and the way is **easy** that leads to destruction (*ap leian-loss*), and those **who enter by it are many**.

¹⁴For the gate is **narrow** and the way is **hard** that leads to life, **and those who find it are few**.

Luke 13: ²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are **saved** be few?" And he said to them,

²⁴ "**Strive** (*ag nizomai-struggle*) to through the narrow door. **For many**, I tell you, will **seek to enter** and **will not be able**. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen **and shut the door**, and **you** begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, '**Lord, open to us**,' then he will answer **you**, **'I do not know where you come from.'**

²⁶Then **you** will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'

²⁷But he will say, 'I tell **you**, I do not know **where you come from**. Depart from me, all **you** workers of evil!' (*adikias- unrighteousness*)

²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when **you see** Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but **you yourselves** cast out (*ex -outside, outwith*). ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table **in the kingdom of God**. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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