

***A Simple  
Faith***

***Matthew 18:1-4***

## **Matthew 18:1-4**

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

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

**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.**

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

# **Introduction**

## **A. The disciples' misguided question**

**Luke 9:46**

**Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.**

## **B. Christ's object lesson**

# **I. Salvation**

**“Except ye be converted”**

## **A. A change of heart**

**Romans 10:9-10**

**9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

**10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

# **I. Salvation**

**“Except ye be converted”**

## **B. A change of mind**

**Luke 12:29-31**

**29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.**

**30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.**

**31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

# I. Salvation

**“Except ye be converted”**

**C. A change in direction**

**Matthew 3:8**

**Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:**

## **II. Surrender**

**“become as little children”**

### **A. Requires humility (v 4)**

#### **1. In the sight of God**

**James 4:10**

**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

#### **2. In the sight of man**

**Luke 18:14**

**I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.**

## **II. Surrender**

**“become as little children”**

### **B. Requires following God**

#### **1. By listening**

**Psalm 27:8**

**When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.**

#### **2. By living**

**Luke 9:23**

**And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**



# III. Study

## A. Must be diligent

**2 Peter 1:5-7**

**5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

**6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

**7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.**

## **III. Study**

### **B. Must know where to look**

**John 5:39**

**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

### **C. Must do it yourself**

**Acts 17:11**

**These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.**

### **III. Study**

**D. Will have right results**

**2 Timothy 2:15**

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

## **IV. Share**

### **A. The Gospel**

**Mark 16:15**

**And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

### **B. The Goals of God**

**Philippians 3:16-17**

**16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.**

**17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.**

## **IV. Share**

**C. In the spiritual growth of others**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11-14**

**11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.**

**12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;**

**13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.**

**14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.**

*Let Us Keep  
It Simple*