

# FOLLOWING THE PATTERN

Lesson #3 -Entering the Church

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:21-23

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Introduction:

1. The safest place to be during a tornado -in solid shelter
2. We must enter the church to have salvation for our souls.

## **I. THE IMPORTANCE OF “IN”**

### **A. CONSIDER SOME EXAMPLES:**

1. Noah and the ark -Ge 7:16
2. The wise and foolish virgins -Mt 25:10

### **B. BLESSING FOUND WITHIN**

1. All spiritual blessing -Ep 1:3
2. Salvation for our souls -2Ti 2:10
3. There are no spiritual blessings on the outside!

## **II. ONLY THROUGH JESUS**

### **A. THERE IS NO OTHER SAVIOR**

1. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus -Jn 14:6
2. There is no other name for salvation -Ac 4:12
3. There is no other Mediator -1Ti 2:5; 1Jn 2:2; He 4:15

### **B. THERE IS NO OTHER AUTHORITY**

1. All authority belongs to Jesus -Mt 28:18
2. He is the head of the church -Ep 1:22, 23
3. He has preeminence over all things -Co 1:16-18

### **C. JESUS IS THE DOOR -Jn 10:7-9**

1. All others are “thieves and robbers” -vs. 8
  - a. The sheep do not hear them
  - b. The true sheep of Jesus knows His voice -Jn 10:4, 5
2. We too must know the voice of our Savior
  - a. He has the words of eternal life -Jn 6:68
  - b. We must follow His words -Lk 6:46

## **III. THE WAY IN**

### **A. WE MUST FOLLOW THE STEPS OF SALVATION**

### **B. WE MUST CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE FAITH**

1. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ -2Pe 3:17, 18
2. Our labor is not in vain -1Co 15:58

Conclusion:

1. The safest place for us to be truly is in the Lord
2. When we read, study, and follow the Scriptures we know the way in.