

What makes me acceptable by God?

¹⁵Now people were even bringing their babies to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them. And when the disciples saw this, they rebuked those who brought them.

¹⁶But Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

¹⁷Truly I tell you, anyone who does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Luke 18:15-17

Let us come boldly... Hebrews 4:16
God accepts me independent of human

Some people are me
Some people are me
..... people are against me
'...regard him as a pagan' Matthew 18:15-17
..... people are against me
'...in sheep's clothing' Matthew 7:15-16
..... people are against me
'Give' (give what?) Matthew 5:42

God accepts me based on

God's is for me to come
'Little children' John 13:33-34, 1 John 4:4
God me to come
'God did not send...' John 3:17
'I am The Way, and...' John 14:6
God for me when I come
'The Kingdom of God is...' Romans 14:17

God accepts me on **principles**

God's Kingdom is
'...for the whole world' 1 John 2:1-2
God's Kingdom must be
'Enter through the narrow gate' Matthew 7:13-14

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 7 Joy D. Mary F.
- M 8 Rosalie & Jim D
- T 9 Ian & Eleanor
- W 10 Barry & Marion
- T 11 Marina G. Jean H.
- F 12 Helen & George H
- S 13 Manny & Sam, Asher, Austin
- S 14 Paula & Paul

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. What is your earliest childhood memory, and how old were you at that time?
2. Young children are invited into the Kingdom of God. How can they enter the Kingdom without understanding theological concepts?
3. Why would the disciples not want children near Jesus? Suggest some way in which believers today keep people away from Jesus? What is the solution?
4. Look at v17. List the ways in which a small child receives the Kingdom of God. Are there any differences between how an adult, and how a child receives the Kingdom?
5. What descriptions are given to believers in John 13:33-34, and 1 John 4:4? What similarities do you find between the 'little children' in these verses, and the children in Luke 18:16-17?
6. What is the bad news in v17? Explain what is meant by "receive" and "enter".

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