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John 3:16

Heaven's "Whoever" Policy

1. Heaven's "Whoever" Policy.

- When the Bible says "whoever" who do they mean?

Mathew 10:32-33

Mathew 10:39

John 6:37

John 4:14

Revelations 22:17

- How well do I think "whoever"?
- Do I think I know who is or who is not a "whoever"?

2. Believe and Receive.

- Is Jesus invitation too simple?
- What is another word we could use for "Believe"?

John 3:14-15MSG

- There is no "if" in our trusting and expecting.
- You regularly trust power you cannot see to do a work you cannot accomplish. Jesus invites you to do the same with Him.

3. God's Gracious Grip.

John 3:16 NLT

- Salvation is found, not in self or in them, but "in Him".
- "Trusting-Him-to-do-it is what gets you set right with God, by God. Sheer gift" Romans 4:5 MSG
- Upon salvation we "become children of God" John 1:12.
- He alters our lineage, redefines our spiritual parenthood, and, in doing so, secures our salvation.

4. Hell's Supreme Surprise.

- What does Jesus mean by "perish"?
- There is a eternal place of loneliness, darkness, and fear.
- The Bible speaks of the "blackest darkness" Jude 13, of "everlasting destruction" 2 Thessalonians 1:9, "weeping and gnashing of teeth" Matthew 8:12.
- Hell is a real place.
- A lot of people say "God would not send people to Hell". He doesn't. They all volunteer.
- This earth is as close to Heaven unbelievers will ever get.
- This earth is as close to Hell as believers will ever get.