

# “Bringing Even Infants”

## Why The Kingdom Can And Does Belong To Children

Luke 18:9-17

Eager parents swarmed around Jesus, bearing “even infants” close to him “in order that he might touch them.” His disciples knew these tiny children could not understand the kingdom’s *complexities* like they did, so they attempted to limit access to Jesus. But Jesus boldly declared another plan, making clear the place “even infants” held in God’s kingdom. In fact, believers are in the kingdom *because salvation is a gift given* rather than an action performed or a secret unraveled. Children, understand how your baptism points you to Christ!

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation (v 9-14).

1. Salvation is not what we \_\_\_\_\_ to. Define ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’ (v 14)!
2. The tax collector rested his \_\_\_\_\_ fate in God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Justification (and its accompanying \_\_\_\_\_) is a \_\_\_\_\_ God gives to his elect.

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of complication (v 15).

1. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ by the doctrines? Let’s \_\_\_\_\_:
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ do you face? Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ call his saints!

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus included children ... even \_\_\_\_\_ (v 16).

1. Dwell upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of calling Jesus gives. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Believers \_\_\_\_\_, submitters believe. Don’t be a \_\_\_\_\_!

### IV. The child-like \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation (v 17).

1. The kingdom – for \_\_\_\_\_ – is \_\_\_\_\_, not attained to.
2. All believers are granted \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 1:13).
3. Jesus effectually calls \_\_\_\_\_ to enter, even \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 6:37; 10:27-29).
4. Your baptism \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ, his benefits ... not \_\_\_\_\_ (WCF 28.1).
5. We ought to \_\_\_\_\_ our church’s infants (RPT 28.5).
6. We ought to receive the kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ (RPT. 18.1-11).