WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED? Mt.19,25

Lu.13,23 Lord are there few that be saved? 24 Many shall seek to enter in,but will not be able. Mt.19,16 The rich young ruler asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life.Jesus told him that it was necessary to keep the commandments.The man answeredthat he had kept these from his youth up,and asked ,What lack I yet? Jesus answered,Sell that thou hast and give to the poor,and come follow me, ~~and come and follow~~ and thou shalt have treasures in heaven.-The young man went away ~~away~~ sorrowing, for He had great possessions.Jesus then said to His disciples,How hardly shall a richman enter the kingdom of heaven.The disciples then asked,Who then can be saved?

Lu.13,23 Then said one unto Him,Lord are there few that be saved? and He said unto them,Strive to enter in at the strait gate;for many I say unto you,shall seek to enter in,and shall not be able,when once the master of the house has risen up and shut the door.--Mt.7,13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate,and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction,and many therebe that go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow the way that leadeth to life.and few there be that find it.--Jn.10,7 Then Jesus said unto them,Verily,verily,I say unto you,I am the door of the sheep.Verse 9 I am the door,by me if any man enter in,he shall be saved.Back to verse 1 Verily,verily,I say unto you,he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold,but climbeth up some other way,the same is a thief and a robber,--Hebrews 3,19 Referring to the Israelites, failure to enter into the promised land,the land of Caannan,They could not enter in <u>because of unbelief.</u>

Rev.21,27 Referring to the Heavenly Jerusalem,the Holy City,And there shall in no wise enter into it,any thing that defileth,neither worketh abomination,or maketh a lie;but they which are written in the Lambs book of life.

Now the question is,How do we get written in the Lamb's book of Life? How do we get through Christ the door?
In Jn.3,5 Jesus speaking to Nicodemus,Verily,verily,I say unto thee,Except a man be born of water and the Spirit,he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Jesus said,I am the <u>door to the sheepfold.</u>-I am the door of the sheep. and the necessity of entering by Him. Now we turn to Romans 6,3 Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ,were baptized into His death?Therefore we are ~~baptized~~ <u>buried with Him by baptism into</u> death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of Life.Baptized Into Jesus Christ,The door.--Is he then in the church? Read 1 Cor.12,13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.Verse 27 Now ye are the body of Christ,and members in particular.And Paul in Eph.5,30 informs us,For we are members of His body,of His flesh,and of His bones.What is that Body? Col.1,18 And He is the head of the body,the Church;who is the beginning, the first born from the dead;that in all things He might have the preeminence.--Does this fulfill Jesus' words to Nicodemus,Except a mann be born of water and the Spirit?-Read Jn.6,63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the Words that I speak unto you,they are Spirit and they are Life.It is the Spirit that quickeneth-The words that I speak unto you they are Spirit and they are life.

How does the Spirit quicken?--The Spirit is His word;and we read Psalms 119,50 Thy word hath quickened me.And we read in Heb.4,12 The word of God is <u>quick and powerful.</u> Ps.119 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway.So if we follow His word,we are led by His ~~Sp~~ Spirit are we not? Let us see what His word says.

Mk.16,15-18 Jesus instructing the disciples just before He ascended, Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature,he that believeth and baptized shall be saved ,but he that believeth not shall be damned.Did His disciples carry out this command? We read in Acts 8,4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad,went every preaching the word.-The prophet Isaiah said that the word of the Lord should go forth From Jerusalem,That out of Zion should go forth the law Chapter 2 verses 1 to 4.--Jesus In Lu.24,46 And said unto them,Thus it is written,and thus it behooved Christ to suffer,and to rise from the dead the third day.And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name beginning at Jerusalem. Ac.1,1-8 Jesus commanded the disciples to to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they received the Holy Ghost,which was to guide them in to all truth,that they would receive power when the Holy Ghost came upon them,And Ac.2 records the Holy Ghost coming on them,they began preaching that Christ had been crucified by thse who he was speaking to,that He was the Son of God,That God had raised Him from the dead,they believed it and cried Men and brethren what shall we do? Peter told them to repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins Ac.2,38--41 then they that gladly received his word were baptized And there were added unto them about three thousand souls.Verse 47 And the Lord added to the church daily,such as should be saved.

WERE ~~Did~~ those in Acts 2 QUICKWNED BY THE SPIRIT?The apostles spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost Ac.2,4 Those who heard the words spoken by the apostles were convinceded that Jesus,whom they had crucified was the Son of God,that God had raised Him from the dead,The were pricked in their hearts and cried,Men ahd brethren,what shall we do?Peter in verse 38 told them to repent,and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ,for the remission of your sins.Then,Verse 41 they that gladly received his word were baptized:and there were,the same day,added unto them about three thousand souls.And Verse 47 The Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.--Were they born of the water and the Spirit They were saved,they were added to the Church,The apostles were the first Members placed in the Church 1 Cor.12,28 And God hath set some in the Church,first apostles,secondarily prophetes.

They were placed in the Church--Added to the church.The Church is His kingdom,Lu.22;29 Jesus speaking to the apostles,I appoint unto you a kingdom as my Father hath appointed unto me-.That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.1 Tim.6,15 Paul speaks of Him as King of Kings,and Lord of Lords.--And Eph.1,22 After mentioning that God had raised Him from the dead verse 20 --And set Him at His own right hand,in heavanly places, 21 Far above all principality,and power,and dominion,and might,and every name that is named,not only in this world,but in that which is to come. Verse 22 And hath put all things under His feet,AND GAVE HIM TO BE HEAD OVER THE CHURCH,WHICH IS HIS BODY.--Col.1,18And He is the head of the body the church.Paul writing to the Collossians,Chapter 1 Verse 13 Giving thanks unto the Father,which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:14 In whom we have redemption through His blood,even the forgiveness of sins.Evidently born again,saved,and translated into His kingdom.

A begettal is necessary before birth,and James 1,18 tells us,Of His own will bwgat He us with the word of truth.Also 1 Cor.4,15 we read,Though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ,yet have ye not many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel.We also learn that the word of God is the seed of the kingdom,The seed is sown,the Gospel is preached,the seed falls in good and honest hearts and we are born again.not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible,by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever 1 Pe.1,23 --Peter also tells us that baptism saves us,1 Pe.3,20 He says that Noah and his family were saved by water, Verse 21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also save us.

The Spirit furnished the word,the begetting power,they obeyed the word,accepted,believed the word,repented of their sins,Confessed that they believed that Jesus was the Son of God,were baptized for the remission of their sins,Was delivered from the power of darkness,translated into the Kingdom of God's Son,saved ,redeemed,Born again.Born of water and the Spirit.

Ro.6,17 God be thanked,ye were the servants of sin,but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you,being then made free from sin,ye have become servants of righteousness.--Obeyed that form of doctrine mentioned in the third,fourth and fifth verses of the same chapter.Ro.6,3 Know ye not,that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ,were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death:that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the Glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death,we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.Col.2,12 Buried with Him in baptism,wherein ye are also risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God,who raised Him from the dead.--Through the faith of the operation of God-- He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved Mk. 16,15,18 Go ye therefore into all the world,and preach the Gospel to every creature,He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,But he that believeth not shall be damned.

What is the Gospel?Turn to 1 Cor.15,1 Moreover brethren,I declare unto you the Gospel,which I preached unto you,which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand.2 by which also ye are saved,if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you,unless you have believed in vain.3 For I delivered unto you first of all,which also I received,how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;4 And that He was buried,and that He rose again the third dayaee according to the scriptures.5 And that He was seen of Cephas,then of the twelve.-This then is the Gospel summed up in a few words.Let us notice,that the Gospel was preached to them,they received it,stood in it and were saved by it,.

Why can't we be saved as they were?By hearing the Gostel,repenting of our sins,confessing our faith in Christ ,and being baptized for the remission of our sins? Saved,redeemed,Born again,translated into the Kingdom of Gods dear Son.? We can!.

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