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## Everyone Must Strive To Enter Heaven

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What more can Jesus do? Is there anything to be added to the work Jesus has already done? Did He fail? Is there more to be done? If so, who is going to do anything that someone might believe needs to be done? NO! It

is finished. The Son of God completed the will of the Father.

So successful was He in doing the will of the Father that God Himself said of Jesus in Matthew 3:17, "...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Revelation 22:18-19 specifies the punishment for those who would add or take away from the perfect work of Jesus Christ. These verses read: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." That is the final and a settled fact.

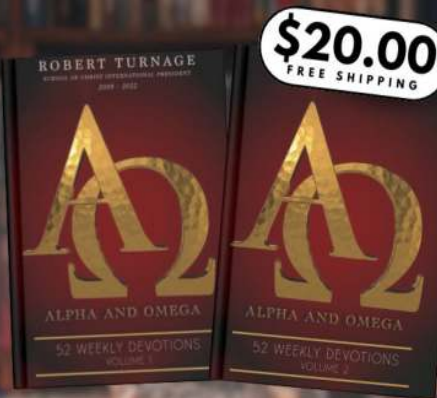
So, what did Jesus mean in Luke 13:24 when He said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you,

will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." If salvation is God's free gift and Jesus has so fully paid the price, why must I strive? Because you have an enemy, the devil, who has come to rob, kill and destroy (John 10:10). The eternal all-sufficient price has been paid, and the enemy comes to take away God's eternal gift. Therefore, we must strive to enter the strait gate. The Bible defines strive as "to use exertions; to endeavor with earnestness; to labor hard; applicable to exertions of body or mind." The Bible definition for seek is "To inquire for; to ask for; to solicit; to endeavor to find or gain..."

Jesus is alerting His children that we have a deadly enemy in this life. Jesus included this assurance in 1 John 2:14, "...I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." We have the devil to overcome in his deadly efforts against us. God has given us this strength and power through faith in Christ. The battle may continue in this life, but we, through Christ, are more than conquerors, found in Romans 8:37.

Continue to fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12). Never cease striving, exerting, and laboring hard against Satan. Do not be guilty of just asking and seeking to enter into everlasting life. That is not sufficient to overcome the temptations, lies, and destructive works of hell.

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# Chile School of Christ by Delvis Mercado



*Delvis Mercado Soza*  
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this message and inject life into the Church.

Our work, inspired by Pastor Clendennen's vision, has significantly progressed. Last year, we received a request from Pastor Handel Siñani to establish a group of pastors in Iquique, Chile. We responded, moved forward with much prayer, and began organizing the School of Christ in Chile. The School started just after the first of the year, and I had the privilege of being present for the final week of training. The enthusiasm of Pastor Renato Gayardo Loreto, of the Assemblies of God, upon my arrival at the airport, was a testament to the impact of our work.

The School of Christ in Chile, guided by the principles set by Founder B. H. Clendennen, has seen a remarkable commitment from its participants. However, the requirement of an hour of prayer every morning, full attendance at every class, and ending the day with another hour of prayer was not met by all. Some pastors, unwilling to adhere to these standards, chose to leave. However, those who remained experienced a profound transformation in their lives.

I remember a wonderful experience

that I had in 2009. I received a request from Dr. Dodson, SOC Director, and Pastor Clendennen to set up and run the SOC in La Paz, Bolivia, with fifty pastors. Two days before I was to leave for La Paz, the pastor in charge of registering students called and said not to come because only two students were coming. When I related this information to Dr. Dodson, his reply was, "What if Christ had known that only one person would be saved by His sacrifice? Do you think He would have died on the cross?" My answer was yes; He would have



died. So, with two pastors willing to be trained, I left for Bolivia. However, we did not have two graduates. We finished with thirty-eight pastors as word spread about the moving of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit drew them to come to the School. I do not doubt that this will happen again in Chile.

At the graduation service, the Glory of God was manifested among us, and the message we preached was forceful. More than twenty people went to the altar to give their lives to the Lord; others were moved and broken by the Holy Spirit. Former students from Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Chile also attended the graduation. They testified to God's greatness and how prayer and the Word of God changed their lives through the SOC.

Pastor René Sucasaca from Peru testified, saying, "I was dying spiritually. I told the Lord you must do something for me. I heard someone knocking on my door, and it was Pastor Handel who had brought an invitation so that I could participate in the School of Christ. Without thinking, I told him, 'I'll be there.' I went to the School and never imagined that this would completely transform my life. I understand now that I must be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and that is what happened to me in the School of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ baptized me with the Holy Spirit. Glory to God for His goodness to us in allowing us to see His glory through this tool, the School of Christ International."

We challenged all pastors and leaders at the graduation to attend the next School scheduled for later this year. More than twenty pastors and workers have now registered for this second School. I met with influential pastors in Iquique; I talked to them about the need for them to take the time to receive this training from the School of Christ. We had two important meetings where everyone in attendance felt the Glory of God. I ask for your prayers so that this group that has committed can have this opportunity to receive "The Message of Pentecost."

Thank you for being part of this victory through your prayers and financial support. This makes it possible for many to be confronted, challenged, and inspired by the "Message of Pentecost."



# Cuba SOC Continues To Train Workers by Delvis Mercado

The work of God continues tirelessly on the beautiful Island of Cuba. Amid many struggles and trials, we continue to work. It's hard to imagine all the difficulties that our Brothers in Christ face in Cuba. I have been to Cuba this year, encouraging the Saints to continue standing in the faith of Christ Jesus.

We have a team of pastors working throughout the Island, led by Samuel Noa, Pastor of the World Evangelical Church in Guantanamo, who has been vital to advancing this work and restoring the message of Pentecost. Each year, we graduate between one hundred fifty and two hundred students. This year was no different, and we have exceeded our expectations.

Currently, we have two schools operating in eastern Cuba: one in the community of San Vicente, with seventeen students, and one in the Evangelical World Church in Guantanamo, with forty-five students, for a total of sixty-two students.

Keep the work and workers in Cuba in prayer.

*Delvis Mercado*  
SOC Fieldworker

*The following testimony is  
from Pastor Samuel Noa, SOC  
Fieldworker:*

*God bless you, Brothers and Sisters  
in Christ. Grace and peace unto you  
in the Lord.*

*I want to testify to you from my heart  
that the School of Christ came into  
our lives more than ten years ago. It  
affected our family and ministerial*



*lives and brought a halt to what  
we were doing due to ignorance  
of the Truth. The School of Christ  
International renewed our Spiritual  
vision.*

*We are aware of the need to proclaim  
this "Message of Pentecost"  
throughout the nation, which is why  
we have assumed the challenge of  
giving all Cuban leadership and  
pastoral ministry the opportunity to  
live the experience of the School of*

*Christ. This has become the reason  
for our call and mission. We have  
been able to reach new churches and  
their leaders every year, training new  
generations as the Bride of the Lamb,  
teaching that we must be prepared to  
meet Him.*

*We need your prayers and financial  
support to continue with this work.  
There are many School requests, but  
we cannot give quick answers due to*

*the lack of resources and the crisis  
we face in Cuba. This can only be  
made possible by God.*

*I send my greetings, and the saints in  
Cuba greet you. The Word of the Lord  
is not imprisoned inside of us. We  
are continuing to spread the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ to the lost of Cuba.  
Our purpose is to be able to extend  
the School of Christ throughout the  
nation. Help us make this vision  
possible—many blessings.*

**The School of Christ International staff wishes  
you and your family a very Happy and Blessed  
Thanksgiving!**


Brian, Robin, Brenda, Cindy, Cathy, Danny, Biddy, B.J., & Caleb



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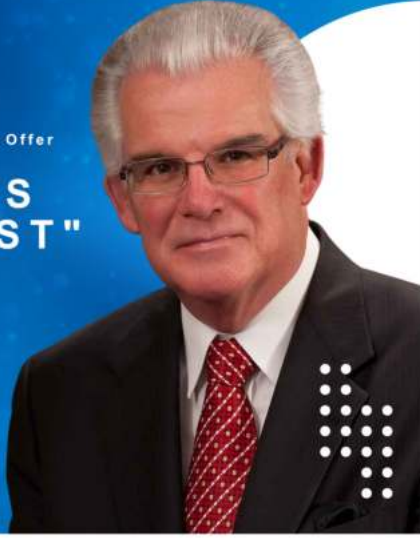


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